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Molina**

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Burke**

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**[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**JANUARY 20, 2004, BEGINS ON PAGE 209.]**

**SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. IF YOU WILL PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BEGIN OUR MEETING. FIRST OF ALL, THE INVOCATION, WHICH WILL BE LED BY PASTOR ARTHUR ROSS, JR., BELVUE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE, LED BY JUAN CARLOS OSPINA, MEMBER, EUGENE OBREGON POST NO. 804, THE AMERICAN LEGION. PASTOR ROSS?

**PASTOR ARTHUR ROSS, JR.:** PRAY WITH ME, PLEASE. PRECIOUS FATHER, WE GATHER THIS AFTERNOON SEEKING THY PRESENCE AND INSPIRATION OF THY DIVINE HOLY SPIRIT. FATHER, WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT YOU HAVE CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, THAT YOU ARE THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS AND THE MAKER OF ALL MANKIND AND THAT YOU HAVE INSTITUTED HUMAN GOVERNMENT TO DO FOR THE PEOPLE THOSE THINGS THAT WE CANNOT DO FOR OURSELVES. FATHER, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD POUR OUT OF YOUR SPIRIT UPON US TO LEAD AND GUIDE US IN THE SPIRIT OF LOVE, JUSTICE, AND MERCY AS WE CONSIDER THE WEIGHTY MATTERS BEFORE THIS BODY. FATHER, HELP US TO ARRIVE IN OUR DELIBERATIONS AT SOLUTIONS THAT ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR WILL AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE. IN THE NAME OF THE ONE WHO IS, WHO WAS, AND WHO IS TO COME, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.



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2 **JUAN CARLOS OSPINA:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE, PLACE YOUR  
3 RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. READY? BEGIN. [PLEDGE OF  
4 ALLEGIANCE]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME PASTOR ROSS HERE. HE  
9 SERVES THE BEL-VUE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THAT IS A  
10 CHURCH THAT HAS BEEN THERE FOR 56 YEARS PROVIDING GOOD  
11 NEIGHBOR AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY IT LOVES. AND THEIR MISSION  
12 IS PROVIDING A SAFE HAVEN FOR CHILDREN, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES  
13 FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR FAMILIES, AND THAT HAS  
14 CONTINUED TODAY. AND, AMONG THE CHURCH'S PROGRAMS, THEY HAVE  
15 AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WHICH IS LOOKING AT THE  
16 ISSUES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOMELESSNESS, MULTICULTURAL  
17 POPULATION OF THE COMMUNITY AND, ALSO, OF COURSE, HELPING  
18 CHILDREN, SENIORS, AND WOMEN'S PROGRAMS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
19 FOR BEING WITH US. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.  
20 [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M VERY PROUD TO  
25 PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO JUAN CARLOS OSPINA.





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1 MR. OSPINA IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST NUMBER 804.  
2 HE SERVED AS A PRIVATE, FIRST CLASS, IN THE FIRST INFANTRY  
3 DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1979 THROUGH 1985. HIS  
4 MANY DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE MEDAL OF GOOD CONDUCT, A NATIONAL  
5 DEFENSE MEDAL, AN ARMY SERVICE MEDAL AND AN ARMY OVERSEAS  
6 MEDAL AS WELL. MR. OSPINA IS MARRIED AND HE HAS TWO CHILDREN  
7 AND HE RESIDES IN EAST L.A. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS, WE THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN OUR PLEDGE OF  
9 ALLEGIANCE AND WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF  
10 APPRECIATION, SIR, CONGRATULATIONS.

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12 **JUAN CARLOS OSPINA:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET US PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMEN, MEMBERS OF THE  
17 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5. ON ITEM S-2, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
18 REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE. THAT'S THE... S-2.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T MIND THE REPORT BEING HEARD. I JUST WANT  
21 THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE CONTINUED FOR A WEEK.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO THE REPORT WILL BE HEARD; THE  
24 RECOMMENDATIONS BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. OKAY? DOES EVERYBODY  
25 UNDERSTAND THAT? OKAY.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY  
3 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
4 PUBLIC. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12. ON ITEM  
5 NUMBER 1, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 2,  
6 HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON  
7 ITEM NUMBER 4, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK  
8 CONTINUANCE AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE  
9 HELD.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE OKAY, SUPERVISOR  
12 MOLINA?

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE A MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SO WE'LL HOLD IT FOR A  
17 MOTION, THEN WE CAN CONTINUE IT IF WE SEE FIT. OKAY? I ALSO  
18 SHOW HERE A HOLD ON ITEM NUMBER 3 FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T GET THAT ONE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 5, 6, AND 7, HOLD FOR A  
25 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 8, WE'RE GOING TO HOLD



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1 THAT FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH BUT  
2 I'LL READ THE AMENDMENT INTO THE RECORD. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
3 DIRECTS THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
4 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TWO REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE  
5 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER WHICH THE SHERIFF IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING IN  
6 ADDITION TO ANY OTHER RECOMMENDATION THE COMMISSION DEEMS  
7 APPROPRIATE, AND THAT'S WITH RESPECT TO THE SHERIFF'S OVERTIME  
8 PORTION OF THAT MOTION.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO THAT AMENDMENT WILL BE ON FOR THE  
11 DISCUSSION WHICH IS HELD BY BOTH SUPERVISORS. IS THAT CORRECT?

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 9, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF  
18 THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER -- ITEMS NUMBER 10, 11, AND 12,  
19 HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THERE WERE NO CONSENT ITEMS ON THAT ITEM, IS  
22 THAT CORRECT?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EVERY ITEM UNDER THE BOARD WAS HELD.

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1    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S-- OKAY.

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5    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 13 THROUGH  
6    19. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON  
7    ITEM NUMBER 17, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM  
8    NUMBER 18, FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ON  
9    ATTACHMENT 2, ON PAGE 10, ITEM NUMBER 10, UNDER "IMMIGRATION  
10    AND REFUGEES," SPECIFICALLY ITEM NUMBER F, "OPPOSE PROPOSALS  
11    WHICH RESTRICT THE ELIGIBILITY OF REFUGEES FOR OTHER FEDERAL  
12    PROGRAMS SUCH AS TAFF AND MEDICAID, OR WHICH WOULD SHIFT COST  
13    OF PROVIDING CASH AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM THE  
14    FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT". SUPERVISOR  
15    ANTONOVICH, FOR THE RECORD, ABSTAINS. ALSO, ON PAGE 6, ON  
16    ATTACHMENT 2, ITEM NUMBER 6, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING,  
17    SPECIFICALLY ITEM E, "SUPPORT PROPOSALS WHICH PERMIT FULL  
18    IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY'S LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE". FOR THE  
19    RECORD, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES "NO." ALSO ON PAGE 16,  
20    ITEM NUMBER 21, THE CENSUS AND FEDERAL DATA, ITEM A, "SUPPORT  
21    PROPOSALS WHICH PROMOTE ACCURATE, UNBIASED AND INCLUSIVE  
22    CENSUS COUNTS AND SUPPORT THE USE OF SCIENTIFICALLY SOUND  
23    SAMPLING METHODS TO AUGMENT THE DIRECT COUNT TO ENSURE THAT  
24    ACCURATE DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH WHICH TO EQUITABLY  
25    ALLOCATE FUNDS AMONG STATES AND LOCALITIES". SUPERVISOR, FOR



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1 THE RECORD -- SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES "NO." THAT'S ON ITEM  
2 18. AND THEN ALSO...

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I ALSO "NO" ON 6-E.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARDON ME?

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I ALSO VOTED "NO" ON 6-E.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 6 WHAT?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** E. UNDER THAT ITEM.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S TO SUPPORT PROPOSALS WHICH PERMIT  
15 FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY'S LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE.

16 OKAY? AND THEN WE'RE ALSO GOING TO HOLD ITEM 18 FOR A MEMBER  
17 OF THE PUBLIC. OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. I HAVE A HOLD ON IT AS WELL, TOO, TO  
20 ADD AN AMENDMENT.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 19, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
23 PUBLIC. SO BEFORE YOU IS ITEM 14, 15, AND 16.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY  
2   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ASSESSOR, ITEM 20, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF  
5   THE PUBLIC. AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, ITEM 21, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF  
6   THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 22, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE CHIEF  
7   INFORMATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO  
8   WEEKS.

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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12   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEMS 23  
13   AND 24. WE'RE GOING TO HOLD BOTH OF THOSE FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
14   PUBLIC. COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEM 26 -- I'M SORRY, ITEM 25, HOLD  
15   FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 26 THROUGH  
16   29. ON ITEM 26, 27, 28, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ITEM  
17   29 IS BEFORE YOU.

18

19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
20   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 30 THROUGH 33. ON  
23   ITEM NUMBER 30, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ITEM 31, HOLD  
24   FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ITEMS 32 AND 33 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
2   BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. ON ITEM NUMBER  
5   34, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO  
6   CLOSED SESSION, AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM  
7   BE HELD, AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

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9   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** REFER THAT TO CLOSED SESSION.

10

11   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 35 THROUGH 51. ON  
12   ITEMS 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, HOLD FOR  
13   A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. AND THE REMAINING 47 THROUGH 51 ARE  
14   BEFORE YOU.

15

16   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
17   ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
18   ORDERED.

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20   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEM 52.

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22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
23   BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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25   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 53.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY  
3 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS. ON ITEM 54,  
6 HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. AND, ON ITEM 55, THE COUNTY  
7 COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION  
8 AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE HELD.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL TAKE IT TO CLOSED SESSION FIRST AND  
11 THEN...

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, 56, "AN  
14 ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
15 CODE BY ADDING AND CHANGING ONE CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF  
16 ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER  
17 AND CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE". THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, CHAIR WILL  
20 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
23 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
24 OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE





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1 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM  
2 57-A.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
5 THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 57-B.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
10 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON 57-C, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
13 AND, ON 57-D, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. THAT COMPLETES  
14 THE READING OF THE AGENDA. I'M SORRY, MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD I  
15 BACK UP JUST A LITTLE BIT? ON ITEM 50 -- ON ITEM 50, THAT  
16 SHOULD BE HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVE RECONSIDERATION, WE HAVE TO MOVE  
19 RECONSIDERATION. IT'S BEEN APPROVED. MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION.  
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT'S -- ALSO, ON THE SHERIFF, ITEM  
23 52, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED FOR RECONSIDERATION. WITHOUT  
2   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON THE ORDINANCE, 56, THAT SHOULD BE  
5   RECONSIDERED AND HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION. WITHOUT  
8   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
11   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
12   DISTRICT NO. 3.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE, MADAM CHAIR -- OR, MADAM CHAIR -  
15   - I BELIEVE WE HAVE, ON THE PRESENTATIONS, BEGIN WITH THE --  
16   BRING FORWARD THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. I'D LIKE TO ASK JACK  
17   SIMMS TO COME FORWARD, OUR JANUARY 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH.  
18   WITH NEARLY 15 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS  
19   ANGELES, JACK IS CURRENTLY A DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER WITH OUR  
20   PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE IS VERY INVOLVED IN HELPING TO  
21   EDUCATE THE KIDS ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY AND TEAMWORK. AT CAMP  
22   GONZALEZ-- AT CAMP GONZALEZ, HE INSTITUTED A REWARDS PROGRAM  
23   THAT HAS RESULTED IN A POSITIVE BEHAVIOR PROGRAM WITHIN  
24   SEVERAL UNITS AT THE CAMP FACILITY. HE HAS WORKED ON VARIOUS  
25   PROGRAMS AND WITH SEVERAL OUTSIDE AGENCIES, HELPING



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1 PROBATIONERS ACCESS NEEDED SERVICES TO TURN THEIR LIVES  
2 AROUND. ONE SUCH PROGRAM REMAINS IN PLACE. IT IS A MODEL FOR  
3 INTERAGENCY OPERATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY. MR. SIMMS VOLUNTEERS  
4 AT HIS CHURCH AS A COUNSELOR AND SERVES AS A VOLUNTEER MEMBER  
5 OF MAYOR HAHN'S CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM  
6 CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES TO THOSE TRAUMATIZED BY DEATH,  
7 SERIOUS INJURY, OR VIOLENT CRIME. IN RECOGNITION OF THESE  
8 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIS DEDICATION AND HARD WORK, IT'S MY  
9 PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE MR. SIMMS AND PRESENT HIM THIS SCROLL  
10 COMMENDING HIM AS THE JANUARY 2004 LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE  
11 OF THE MONTH. JACK? [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WOULD YOU PERMIT ME?

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS ABOUT JACK  
22 SIMMS, NOT ONLY BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN SUCH AN INVALUABLE SERVICE  
23 TO MY COMMUNITY. MY FIELD STAFF FEEL THAT THEY CANNOT OPERATE  
24 UNLESS THIS GENTLEMAN IS AROUND AND THEY WANTED ME TO SAY A  
25 COUPLE OF WORDS BECAUSE I HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE IN THE



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1 OUTCOMES AND THEY HAVE TO WORK WITH A LOT OF FOLKS WITHIN THE  
2 DEPARTMENT. MR. SIMMS HAS BEEN A PART OF THE VALINDA TASK  
3 FORCE WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID IS THE MODEL AS TO HOW TO DEAL  
4 WITH MANY OF THESE ISSUES WITH REGARD TO PRESERVING, YOU KNOW,  
5 THE QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY. HE HAS  
6 ALSO BEEN A PART OF THE TASK FORCE IN EAST L.A. THIS IS A MAN  
7 WHO UNDERSTANDS AND RESPECTS THAT EVERY SINGLE COMMUNITY  
8 RESIDENT IS ENTITLED TO A HIGH-END QUALITY OF LIFE, AND HE HAS  
9 TAKEN BEYOND THE BUREAUCRATIC PROCESSES, GOES OUT OF HIS WAY  
10 TO MAKE THINGS WORK AND HAPPEN ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY. I'M  
11 VERY PROUD, JACK, THAT YOU ARE FINALLY BEING RECOGNIZED BY OUR  
12 COUNTY AS THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AND HOPEFULLY YOU'RE GOING  
13 TO BE OUR EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, BECAUSE THIS IS A GENTLEMAN  
14 THAT TRULY DESERVES THIS KIND OF RECOGNITION. I HAVE A  
15 CASEWORKER THAT WORKS FOR YOU, VANESSA, WHO YOU'RE VERY  
16 FAMILIAR WITH. SHE SAYS THIS GUY IS UNBELIEVABLE. SHE CALLS  
17 HIM "THE BOMB". WHENEVER SHE NEEDS HIM, SHE CALLS ON JACK  
18 SIMMS. SO, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, SIR, OUTSTANDING WORK.  
19 [APPLAUSE]

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21 **JACK SIMMS:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU. I MEAN, IT'S  
22 BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE  
23 PROBATION FAMILY, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,  
24 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, ALL THE AGENCIES WORKING  
25 TOGETHER, IT'S JUST BEEN A PLEASURE AND I WISH THEY COULD ALL



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1 BE UP HERE TO ACCEPT THE AWARD WITH ME BECAUSE, WITHOUT THEM,  
2 I WOULDN'T BE HERE. AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE COMPLIMENTS.  
3 IT'S BEEN MY PLEASURE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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5 **RICHARD SHUMSKY:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID IT VERY ELOQUENTLY. IN  
6 PROBATION, WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY PROBATION OFFICER CAN MAKE AN  
7 IMPACT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN LIVES AND NOBODY EPITOMIZES  
8 THAT MORE THAN JACK SIMMS. AND JACK HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE. AS  
9 A FOOTBALL PLAYER, HE WAS AN IMPACT PLAYER, AS A COACH, HE WAS  
10 AN IMPACT COACH, AND HE'S AN IMPACT PROBATION OFFICER. WE  
11 THANK HIM AND WE THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING HIS TALENTS.  
12 [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WANT TO GET EVERYBODY TOGETHER? NOW I WOULD  
15 LIKE TO CALL UP THE MEMBERS OF THE SAFE SURRENDER TASK FORCE  
16 TO JOIN ME UP HERE. ON JANUARY 19, 2002, A LITTLE BABY NAMED  
17 ANDREW WAS FOUND ABANDONED IN A DUMPSTER IN MONROVIA. AND THIS  
18 YOUNG INFANT INSPIRED THE HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGHOUT THIS  
19 COUNTY TO COME TOGETHER AND CREATE A PROGRAM THAT HAS SAVED  
20 THE LIVES OF SOME 19 NEWBORNS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. THIS  
21 BOARD HERE CREATED THE SAFE SURRENDER TASK FORCE TO END BABY  
22 ABANDONMENT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. COMMUNITY LEADERS  
23 FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE COUNTY WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER TO FORM  
24 A VERY COMPREHENSIVE 12-POINT PLAN TO IDENTIFY AT-RISK  
25 MOTHERS, FATHERS, AND THEN PROVIDE A SAFE AND CONFIDENTIAL





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1 ALTERNATIVE TO ABANDONING A CHILD. THE SIMPLE MANTRA WAS "NO  
2 SHAME, NO BLAME, NO NAMES", AND THAT WAS BEGINNING-- IT HAS  
3 BECOME A NATIONAL MODEL FOR IMPLEMENTING A SAFE SURRENDER LAW  
4 WHICH WE FOUND OUT WAS ON THE BOOKS FOR SOME ONE YEAR. WITH  
5 THE HELP OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS LIKE FIRST FIVE L.A., THE SAFE  
6 SURRENDER TASK FORCE HAS RAISED THE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE  
7 SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM, DRAMATICALLY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF  
8 SAFE -- DESIGNATED SAFE SURRENDER LOCATIONS. WE HERE IN THE  
9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NOT ONLY ADDED, BESIDES ALL THE  
10 HOSPITALS, ALL OF OUR COUNTY FIRE STATIONS AND A MAJORITY OF  
11 THE OTHER CITIES HAVE NOW COME ON BOARD. IN ADDITION, WE ARE  
12 MOVING TO MAKE ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO FURTHER  
13 FACILITATE THE SAVING OF THESE YOUNG LIVES. JUST 16 MONTHS...  
14 SHHH. WE GET EVERYBODY TO CALM DOWN THERE A BIT? JUST 16  
15 MONTHS AFTER THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE IMPLEMENTATION  
16 OF THEIR 12-POINT RECOMMENDATION, THE SAFE SURRENDER TASK  
17 FORCE REPORTED THAT IT HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED EVERY  
18 OBJECTIVE IT SET OUT TO ACHIEVE. TODAY, WE HAVE THE PLEASURE  
19 OF COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THIS TASK FORCE FOR THE SERVICE  
20 AND COMMITMENT TO MAKING THIS PROGRAM A REALITY. IN THE FIRST  
21 YEAR AFTER SAFE SURRENDER TOOK EFFECT, 14 BABIES WERE  
22 ABANDONED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. NONE WERE SAFELY  
23 SURRENDERED. LAST YEAR, THE NUMBER WAS REDUCED TO EIGHT, AND  
24 18 NEWBORNS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT OF HARM'S WAY AND PLACED IN  
25 SAFE HANDS AND I UNDERSTAND, JUST A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, THAT



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1 NUMBER IS NOW 19 BECAUSE I HEARD THIS WHISPERING BEHIND ME  
2 THAT, OH, I'VE MISSED IT BY ONE. THESE MEN AND WOMEN STANDING  
3 BEFORE YOU HAVE MADE A TRUE DIFFERENCE AND THEY'RE TRUE HEROES  
4 IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THEY DESERVE OUR THANKS. AS I TELL  
5 EVERYONE, I HAVE NEVER SEEN A TASK FORCE IMPLEMENTED, PUT  
6 TOGETHER, SOME 40-SOME PEOPLE COMING TOGETHER ON A TASK FORCE  
7 IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME BEING ABLE TO COME UP WITH A  
8 CONSENSUS, REACH A PLAN, AND IMPLEMENT IT IN A MATTER OF  
9 WEEKS. AND IT TRULY WAS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH. AND SO, ON  
10 BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, WE WANT TO  
11 SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS. WE WERE ABLE TO  
12 PRESENT INDIVIDUAL SCROLLS UPSTAIRS. AND, YOLIE, I'D LIKE FOR  
13 YOU TO COME FORWARD HERE AND ACCEPT THIS SCROLL AND GET  
14 EVERYONE AROUND YOU BUT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS THE  
15 SAFE SURRENDER TASK FORCE, IT TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE  
16 LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND ONE THING I FORGOT. BABY ANDREW WAS  
19 FOUND BY BILL PELLMAN'S SON ON THAT NIGHT SO...

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21 **YOLIE:** LET ME JUST QUICKLY THANK-- ACCEPT THIS ON BEHALF OF  
22 THE TASK FORCE AND THANK THE TASK FORCE FOR THEIR WORK. I  
23 THINK WE WOULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED QUITE AS MUCH AS WE WERE ABLE  
24 TO AND REALLY BEGIN TO REACH OUR GOAL OF ZERO BABIES ABANDONED  
25 IN L.A. COUNTY WITHOUT THE KIND OF PARTNERSHIP AND



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1 COLLABORATION AND TEAMWORK THAT REALLY CAME TOGETHER ON BEHALF  
2 OF ALL BABIES IN L.A. COUNTY AND, IN PARTICULAR, WITHOUT YOUR  
3 LEADERSHIP, SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE MIGHT NOT HAVE DONE THIS  
4 IMPORTANT WORK SO THANK YOU AS WELL.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LET'S GET EVERYBODY TOGETHER HERE.

7 [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS DR. DAVID SANDERS HERE? SANDY, IS... TODAY  
12 WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR AN INDIVIDUAL THAT'S REALLY  
13 DONE A GREAT JOB AS A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR OUR COUNTY'S  
14 FOSTER YOUTH. ERNESTINE FIELDS IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT  
15 WONDERFUL PROGRAM WHERE THOSE CHILDREN WHO GO THROUGH THE  
16 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY CHILDREN'S COURT RECEIVE THOSE TEDDY  
17 BEARS. IT HELPS THEM WHEN THEY ARE FACED WITH A VERY TRAUMATIC  
18 EXPERIENCE AT SUCH A VERY YOUNG AGE IN THEIR LIFE. WORKING  
19 WITH OUR OFFICE, ERNESTINE'S EFFORTS RESULTED IN A VERY  
20 SUCCESSFUL EFFORT WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOSTER YOUTH  
21 WITH THEIR LIBRARY PROGRAM, A LIBRARY CARD THAT ALLOWS THEM TO  
22 OBTAIN ACCESS TO MANY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES PROVIDED BY  
23 ALL OF OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES. UP TO THIS TIME, FOSTER YOUTH DID  
24 NOT HAVE LIBRARY CARDS OR COULD RECEIVE A LIBRARY CARD BUT,  
25 THROUGH ERNESTINE'S EFFORTS AND OUR MOTION WHICH WE HAD



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1 APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT'S NOW HISTORY. SHE  
2 HAS TAKEN THIS LIBRARY CARD PROGRAM NOW STATEWIDE AND ACROSS  
3 THE NATION TO ALLOW MILLIONS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE TO  
4 HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY THAT WE ARE NOW PROVIDING THE  
5 CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO, ERNESTINE, THANK YOU FOR  
6 YOUR LEADERSHIP AND WORKING WITH OUR OFFICE, AND WE WISH YOU  
7 MANY MORE SUCCESS IN HELPING OUR FOSTER CHILDREN. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** I'VE KNOWN MISS FIELDS SINCE I'VE BEEN  
10 HERE, AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW HER, SHE IS A FORCE  
11 AND SHE HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON HOW TO IMPROVE SERVICES TO KIDS IN  
12 FOSTER CARE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS THROUGH HER WORK AS A  
13 DEPENDENCY COURT ATTORNEY AND THEN IN HER WORK WITH THE TEDDY  
14 BEAR PROGRAM FOR KIDS. I THINK THAT HER LATEST EFFORT IN  
15 FOCUSING ON HOW TO MAKE SURE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE HAVE  
16 ACCESS TO LIBRARY CARDS AND LIBRARY BOOKS HAS BEEN ONE OF HER  
17 MOST IMPORTANT AND I'M VERY PLEASED TO BE UP HERE TO HONOR HER  
18 AND TO CONGRATULATE HER AND I HOPE THAT I WILL HAVE MANY, MANY  
19 MORE YEARS OF WORKING WITH HER ON VERY SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVES.  
20 SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MARGARET TODD, OUR LIBRARIAN.

23

24 **MARGARET TODD:** WELL, ERNESTINE IS A BALL OF FIRE AND WHAT A  
25 SIMPLE THING TO BE ABLE TO DO FOR FOSTER CHILDREN AND SHE'S



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1 THE PERSON WHO BROUGHT IT TO US AND SAID, "LOOK, YOU NEED TO  
2 BE ABLE TO FIND A WAY," SO, BECAUSE OF ERNESTINE, WE FOUND A  
3 WAY. THANK YOU, ERNESTINE. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **ERNESTINE FIELDS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
6 CHAIRMAN, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I ALSO WANT TO  
7 THANK ALL OF MY FRIENDS WHO CAME HERE TODAY. THEY RESCHEDULED  
8 THINGS IN THEIR BUSY PRACTICE, IN THEIR BUSINESS, AND I'M VERY  
9 TOUCHED THAT THEY'RE HERE TODAY TO HELP ME CELEBRATE THIS  
10 GREAT HONOR. AT THIS TIME, I ALSO WANT TO TAKE JUST A FEW  
11 MINUTES TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE. NUMBER  
12 ONE, OF COURSE, WAS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WHO GOT THIS WHOLE  
13 THING ROLLING AND DIRECTED THE COUNTY LIBRARY AND THE D.C.F.S.  
14 TO COME UP WITH A PILOT PROGRAM, WHICH THEY DID. I ALSO WANT  
15 TO THANK OUR COUNTY LIBRARIAN, MARGARET TODD, AND PENNY  
16 MARQUIS, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF DIRECTING THE NEW COMPUTER  
17 PROGRAM FOR THE CHILDREN SO THAT, ONCE THEY RECEIVED THEIR  
18 LIBRARY CARD, IT WOULD BE IN THE SYSTEM FOR AS LONG AS THEY  
19 COULD USE IT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE AT THE  
20 COURTHOUSE WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE, TOO. I WANT TO THANK RANDY  
21 HENDERSON, THE DEPENDENCY COURT ADMINISTRATOR; THE HONORABLE  
22 EMILY STEVENS, OUR SUPERVISING JUDGE; AND, MOST OF ALL, I WANT  
23 TO THANK THE HONORABLE MICHAEL NASH, OUR PRESIDING JUDGE, WHO  
24 HAS ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME TO DO THE VERY BEST I CAN DO FOR OUR  
25 BOYS AND GIRLS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, TODAY WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE MISS  
3 2004 CHINATOWN QUEEN AND COURT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
4 AND WE ALL KNOW THAT TOMORROW IS NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE ASIAN  
5 COMMUNITY AND JANUARY 22ND IS NEW YEAR'S DAY. ON JANUARY 10TH,  
6 THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE HONORED AT THE 35TH ANNUAL MISS LOS  
7 ANGELES CHINATOWN PAGEANT WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY THE CHINESE  
8 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF LOS ANGELES. AND WITH US TODAY ARE THE  
9 QUEEN AND MEMBERS OF THE COURT. THE FIRST ONE IS OUR QUEEN,  
10 WHO WAS SPONSORED BY THE GOLDEN SECURITY BANK, AND THAT'S  
11 HEIDI SUNG WAN, WHO IS 18 YEARS OLD. SHE WAS RAISED IN THE  
12 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND CURRENTLY RESIDES IN WEST LOS  
13 ANGELES, WHERE SHE'S COMPLETING HER GENERAL EDUCATION AT SANTA  
14 MONICA COLLEGE, WHERE SHE PLANS TO TRANSFER TO THE UNIVERSITY  
15 OF CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO TO EARN HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN  
16 ECONOMICS. SHE'S VOLUNTEERED FOR THE HENRY MAYO HOSPITAL, AND  
17 AT EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE KEY CLUB, SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS,  
18 AND AT THE RED CROSS. SO, HEIDI, CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME.  
19 [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST PRINCESS IS STACEY SHEE, WHO'S 25 YEARS  
22 OLD. SHE WAS RAISED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND SHE WAS  
23 SPONSORED BY THE CARABESQUE HOME HEALTH. SHE RECEIVED HER  
24 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM CALIFORNIA  
25 STATE UNIVERSITY AT FULLERTON. SHE OWNS LABELLE IMAGE AND A



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1 BEAUTY TRAINING CONSULTING AGENCY, WHERE SHE PROVIDES TRAINING  
2 FOR MAJOR COSMETIC COMPANIES AND VARIOUS MODELING AGENCIES. IN  
3 ADDITION TO HER ENTREPRENEURIAL VENTURE, SHE HAS VOLUNTEERED  
4 TO SUPPLY WORKSHOPS FOR VARIOUS WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS,  
5 INCLUDING THE ASIAN WOMEN'S IN BUSINESS, WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP  
6 EXCHANGE AND TAIWANESE WOMEN'S WORLD-WIDE. SO, STACEY,  
7 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OUR SECOND PRINCESS IS NICOLE CHU, WHO IS 20  
10 YEARS OLD. SHE WAS RAISED IN PALOS VERDES AND WAS SPONSORED BY  
11 MISS LYDIA HOWE. SHE'S CURRENTLY A DOUBLE MAJOR AT CALIFORNIA  
12 STATE UNIVERSITY AT IRVINE WHERE SHE'S BEEN ON THE DEAN'S  
13 HONOR LIST FOR EVERY QUARTER. SHE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND LAW  
14 SCHOOL AND SHE IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE HOPPA MIX MULTI-  
15 CULTURAL INTERRACIAL EXPERIENCE CLUB, A MEMBER OF THE GOLDEN  
16 KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FOR THE  
17 ASIAN/AMERICAN LEGAL CENTER IN LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OUR THIRD PRINCESS IS LORETTA LUNG. SHE'S 25  
20 YEARS OLD. SHE CURRENTLY RESIDES IN WALNUT, SPONSORED BY THE  
21 J.J. CAFE, EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS  
22 ANGELES WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY WHERE SHE  
23 MINORED IN PUBLIC POLICY. SHE ASPIRES TO BECOME AN ATTORNEY  
24 AND ENTREPRENEUR. SHE DEVOTES HER PROFESSIONAL LIFE TO  
25 TEACHING AND IMPROVING HER FLUENCY IN CHINESE. SHE SERVES AS A



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1 PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH CENTER COMPASS AND IS THE  
2 FORMER VOLUNTEER COORDINATION FOR APEX YOUTH OLYMPICS L.A.  
3 8020. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. WE'RE HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CHINESE  
6 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE TO  
7 THE GOLDEN DRAGON PARADE THIS SATURDAY, THE 24TH. IF YOU HAVE  
8 ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
9 AND WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND  
10 HAPPY NEW YEAR. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE ARE TWO PARADES. ONE BEGINS AT, I  
13 BELIEVE, 10:00 IN SAN GABRIEL, ALHAMBRA, AND THE OTHER ONE'S  
14 AT 2:00 IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES SO IT WILL BE AN ACTIVE  
15 WEEKEND. NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME DARREN PARKER. DARREN IS  
16 THE PRESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HUMAN RELATIONS TASK  
17 FORCE. THIS WAS ORGANIZED IN 1996 TO RESPOND TO HATE CRIMES IN  
18 THE VALLEY. IT WAS STAFFED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN  
19 RELATIONS AND THEY REPORT ALL SUCH HATE CRIME INCIDENTS AND AS  
20 WELL AS CRIME AND HUMAN RELATIONS ISSUES TO THE BOARD OF  
21 SUPERVISORS AND THE COMMUNITY. MEMBERS INCLUDE BOTH THE MAYORS  
22 OF PALMDALE AND LANCASTER, OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS AS WELL AS  
23 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE F.B.I.,  
24 HIGHWAY PATROL, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING  
25 RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND FROM MY OFFICE. SO



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1 WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE DARREN FOR DOING A FINE JOB FOR THE  
2 VALLEY AND WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **DARREN PARKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE MEM-  
5 EXCUSE ME, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I STAND HERE TODAY  
6 AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF OVER A QUARTER MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE  
7 ANTELOPE VALLEY. 10 YEARS AGO, WE PUT TOGETHER A MISSION IN  
8 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TO INSTALL A SYSTEM TO FACILITATE THE  
9 REPORTING, INVESTIGATION, AND PROSECUTION OF HATE CRIMES, TO  
10 LEND VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND IDENTIFY INITIATIVES TO  
11 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF HATE CRIMES IN THE  
12 ANTELOPE VALLEY. VERY SELDOM DOES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR  
13 ANY OTHER ELECTED LEADER GET INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY ON SOME  
14 OF THE PROGRAMS AND PROCESSES THAT THEY HAVE PUT IN PLACE TO  
15 HELP THAT COMMUNITY WITH THE QUALITY OF LIFE. I'M HERE TODAY  
16 BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS A CRITICAL ELEMENT OF THE SUCCESS NOT  
17 ONLY OF THIS BOARD BUT OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE SHARE WITH THE  
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH THAT HIS GREAT  
19 LEADERSHIP AND THE SUPPORT OF THIS GREAT BOARD HAS MADE A  
20 DIFFERENCE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AS TWO OF THE TOP GROWING  
21 CITIES IN THE NATION AND PROBABLY HERE IN THE COUNTY OVER THE  
22 LAST TWO YEARS, WE'VE HAD SOME CHANGES IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
23 THAT ARE UNIQUE TO HAVING SUCH A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF GROWTH  
24 BUT VERY RARE DO PEOPLE COME AND GIVE YOU FEEDBACK ON WHAT  
25 THOSE PROGRAMS DO. BECAUSE OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE,



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1 WE HAVE A WEBSITE-- AND I'M GOING TO SHARE THAT INFORMATION  
2 WITH THE BOARD. BECAUSE OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE, THE  
3 ANTELOPE VALLEY HAS A TOLL-FREE HOTLINE NUMBER WHERE ANYONE  
4 CAN REPORT INCIDENTS OF HATE CRIME. BECAUSE OF THE BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISORS AND BECAUSE OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE DO TEEN  
6 SUMMITS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHERE, LAST YEAR, OVER 5,000  
7 STUDENTS PLEDGED TO KEEP A PROMISE OF PEACE AND TOLERANCE IN  
8 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. WE DO TEEN SUMMITS AT THE HIGH SCHOOLS  
9 AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS -- TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THOSE ARE THE FIRST IN  
10 THE NATION AND HERE IN THE COUNTY -- WHERE WE BRING STUDENTS  
11 TOGETHER TO DO ALL-DAY WORKSHOP CONFERENCES IN ORDER TO TEACH  
12 DIVERSITY AND TEACH HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO GRASP THE  
13 DIFFERENCES OF EACH OTHER'S CULTURE AND EMBRACE THOSE  
14 DIFFERENCES SO WE CAN BE A BETTER PLACE AND HAVE A BETTER  
15 QUALITY OF LIFE. A YEAR AGO, THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF  
16 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMISSIONED EIGHT MINI BILLBOARDS AND  
17 THEY WERE TO BE PRESENTED TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT, EVEN WHEN  
18 IT WAS NOT POPULAR, TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO SEE THAT THE  
19 VISION AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOSE COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
20 THAT WERE SUFFERING UNDER THE TAX OF HATE COULD BE STOPPED. WE  
21 COMMISSIONED ONLY EIGHT OF THESE AND I'M HERE TO PROUDLY  
22 PRESENT ONE OF THESE AS A TOKEN OF THE APPRECIATION FOR ALL  
23 THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TO  
24 SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
25 [APPLAUSE]





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**ROBIN TOMA:** WE HAVE, UNFORTUNATELY, HATE CRIMES OCCURRING ALL  
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND WE RECENTLY RELEASED A REPORT ABOUT  
THAT. BUT NOT IN ALL COMMUNITIES DO WE HAVE THE KIND OF  
RESPONSE WE'VE SEEN IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THEY HAVE BROUGHT  
TOGETHER THE KEY PERSONNEL FROM THE CITY GOVERNMENTS, SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND, WITH THE  
SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND PARTICULARLY  
SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THEY'VE BEEN IMPLEMENTING VERY  
EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS. AND I'M REALLY PROUD TO BE HERE, TO BE  
WITH DARREN PARKER, WHOSE LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN CRITICAL TO THE  
ANTELOPE VALLEY HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE AS WELL AS  
SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS SUPPORT AT A TIME WHEN MANY  
COMMUNITIES WERE NOT TAKING A PROACTIVE STANCE FOR WHAT HE'S  
DONE TO HELP ANTELOPE VALLEY FIGHT HATE CRIMES. THANK YOU VERY  
MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

17

**SPEAKER:** I JUST WANT TO REPEAT THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT ARE  
HAPPENING IN ANTELOPE VALLEY AND, AS STAFF MEMBER FOR THE  
COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS IN MAKING ALL THIS  
HAPPEN, WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF DARREN PARKER, SUPERVISOR  
ANTONOVICH, AND ROBIN TOMA, I THINK THAT THIS COULD BE  
REPLICATED AND, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN DOING THIS FOR YOUR  
COMMUNITIES, PLEASE CONTACT US AT THE COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
HUMAN RELATIONS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING OUT A LITTLE  
3 EIGHT-WEEK-OLD FEMALE LABRADOR MIX. HER NAME IS BELLA. SHE'S  
4 LOOKING FOR A HOME. THIS IS LITTLE BELLA. MAYBE THEY'LL EVEN  
5 PUT A BELL ON HER. ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT BELLA, YOU  
6 CAN CALL AREA CODE 562-728-4644. ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO  
7 IS INTERESTED IN LITTLE BELLA, WE HAVE A PERSON IN THE FRONT  
8 ROW, YOU CAN GO OVER ON THE SIDE HERE, AND OUR ANIMAL CONTROL  
9 LADY WILL TALK TO YOU RIGHT NOW. THIS IS LITTLE BELLA. SHE HAS  
10 SOME COUSINS ALSO THAT ARE WAITING TO FIND A NEW HOME. THANK  
11 YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE  
14 ANYTHING?

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUP. BURKE?

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** BEFORE I START MY PRESENTATIONS, I DO WANT TO  
21 RECOGNIZE, FIRST OF ALL, MASTER CHUNG, WHO HAS MADE SUCH A  
22 DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF HUMAN RELATIONS WITHIN THE KOREAN AND  
23 AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES AND HE'S ALSO WORKED VERY HARD  
24 ESTABLISHING BETTER INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN KOREA AND  
25 JAPAN, AND HE HAS SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE INTERNATIONAL



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1 GRAND MARSHALS FOR THE KING DAY PARADE THAT I'M GOING TO  
2 INTRODUCE. AND WHERE ARE THEY -- IN THE FRONT THERE. AND  
3 THEY'LL PLEASE STAND. DR. CHUN KIM MOO FROM KOREA.  
4 INTERNATIONAL CELEBRITY GRAND MARSHAL REVEREND OKAWA, WHO'S  
5 FROM JAPAN, AND WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE, ALSO, THERE WERE SOME  
6 OTHER CO-GRAND MARSHALS, TOO, AND WE'D LIKE FOR THEM TO ALL  
7 STAND SO THAT WE CAN RECOGNIZE YOU. WE ALSO HAVE... [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** ...A WHOLE GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE,  
10 AND THESE ARE STUDENTS, AREN'T THEY, SOME OF YOUR STUDENTS AND  
11 STUDENTS WHO HAVE COME HERE FROM KOREA TO VISIT, AND THEY WERE  
12 PART OF THE PARADE, AND SO WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM, AND THEY  
13 ARE ALL REALLY VERY EAGER AND HAVE ENJOYED THEIR STAY HERE  
14 VERY MUCH. WE HAVE ALSO SOME DIGNITARIES THAT -- FROM THE  
15 SEOUL METRO CITY, AND THAT'S KON NYUNG MAYOR OF THE SHIN SUNG  
16 SHOAL. IS THAT RIGHT? HE'S OVER HERE. THANK YOU FOR BEING  
17 HERE. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** WE HAVE LEE YOUNG YAO, WHO IS HERE. THANK YOU FOR  
20 BEING HERE. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** AND TIKA DEE KIM, TAE KWON DO MARTIAL ARTS  
23 CHAMPION, INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.  
24 THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** AND ALL THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN MARTIAL  
2   ARTS, AREN'T THEY? ALL OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN  
3   MARTIAL ARTS.

4

5   **SPEAKER:** RIGHT. WE ARE GOING TO ALL SHOW A DEMONSTRATION OF  
6   [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]. TOMORROW, WE ARE GOING TO SACRAMENTO.

7

8   **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. YOU WANT TO TELL US?

9

10   **TIKA DEE KIM:** I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU MORE ABOUT THIS  
11   INTERNATIONAL. WE'RE KNOWN THAT FAMOUS PRESENTATION IN WORLD  
12   OF MARTIAL ARTS AND TAE KWON DO DEMONSTRATION TEAM. WE WERE  
13   PARTICIPATED YESTERDAY IN THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING PARADE.  
14   OF COURSE, ALSO, TOMORROW, WE ARE GOING TO SACRAMENTO AND  
15   ASSEMBLY SESSION. SO THEY ARE THE FORUM THAT WE ARE GOING TO  
16   HAVE SOME- SOME-- EACH OTHER FOR EXCHANGE OF THE CULTURAL  
17   PROGRAM AND ALSO WESTERN SPEAKER AT THE RECEPTION. AND ALSO,  
18   AFTER THAT, WE'RE GOING TO LUNCHEON WITH C.H.P. AND AFTERWARD  
19   OUR TAE KWON DO DEMONSTRATION AND THE ACADEMIC STUDENTS SHOW  
20   THAT, YOU KNOW, THE TRAFFIC FOR THEIR SHOOTING DEMONSTRATION,  
21   HELICOPTERS, AND ALL THOSE EXCHANGE, EVERYONE THE SAME --  
22   EXCHANGE PROGRAM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING. [APPLAUSE]

23

24   **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED WORK AND WE  
25   APPRECIATE IT. AT THIS POINT, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DOROTHY



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1 BRENEGER AND SHE HAS DONE SOMETHING THAT NOT VERY MANY PEOPLE  
2 DO AND I THINK WE HAVE, FROM MY STAFF, WE HAVE SOME PICTURES  
3 OF THE WORK THAT SHE DID THAT I JUST WOULD LIKE FOR PEOPLE TO  
4 SEE. THERE WAS A SENIOR CITIZEN WHO RESIDES IN LENNOX AND HE'D  
5 BEEN THERE SINCE 1964 AND HE'S HERE WITH US. SOON AFTER HE AND  
6 HIS WIFE SEPARATED, HE BEGAN WORKING ON OLD BICYCLES. AND THIS  
7 BEGAN A PERIOD IN HIS LIFE WHEN HE STARTED ACCUMULATING NOT  
8 ONLY BICYCLES, BUT ALSO ANYTHING ELSE THAT CAME HIS WAY.  
9 FINALLY, HIS WHOLE HOUSE WAS CROWDED WITH STUFF AND TO THE  
10 POINT WHERE HE HAD TO SLEEP OUTSIDE ON A SOFA ON A PORCH MOST  
11 NIGHTS. HE IS NOW 75 YEARS OLD AND, FOR SOME TIME, HIS  
12 NEIGHBORS HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT THE CLUTTER BUT HIS OBSESSION  
13 WITH HOARDING MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR OTHERS TO HELP HIM GET  
14 RID OF IT. AFTER SEEING HIM FACED WITH JAIL TIME, ONE OF THE  
15 COUNTY COUNSEL STAFF, SARI STEEL, QUICKLY BEGAN A SEARCH TO  
16 FIND SOMEONE WHO COULD HELP. SHE FOUND DOROTHY BRENEGER AND  
17 SHE IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER FOR ORGANIZATION  
18 AND GOAL PLANNING. AND SOMEHOW SHE MANAGED TO WORK WITH HIM  
19 AND SHE HAS WORKED WITH HIM OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. SHE HAS  
20 CLEANED UP HIS PROPERTY AND HE IS NOT GOING TO JAIL. HE IS  
21 ACTUALLY LIVING WITH NO THINGS. RIGHT? WITH LESS THINGS.

22

23 **MR. DRUM:** LESS THINGS.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** LESS THINGS. OKAY. AND IT'S A WIN-WIN SITUATION  
2   FOR ALL CONCERNED, AND I'M VERY PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL  
3   TO DOROTHY BRENEGER. [APPLAUSE]

4

5   **DOROTHY BRENEGER:** I HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION FOR ALL OF  
6   YOU HERE IN THE ROOM. HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE STOOD IN YOUR  
7   OFFICES LOADED WITH PAPERWORK, STARING IMMOBILIZED, NOT  
8   KNOWING WHAT TO DO? YES? MAYBE? [LAUGHTER] AND THAT'S PROBABLY  
9   WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH MR. DRUM AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SARI  
10   STEEL AND THE L.A. COUNTY STAFF FOR BEING SO CREATIVE IN THEIR  
11   SOLUTION AND ON BEHALF OF THE CENTER FOR ORGANIZATION, MY  
12   COMPANY AND STAFF, THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING ME. [APPLAUSE]

13

14   **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES MY  
15   PRESENTATIONS.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:  
18   NOTHING.

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'VE HAD A COUPLE OF REQUESTS TO SPEAK.  
23   ALSO, WE HAVE A TRANSPORTATION ISSUE. COUNCIL MEMBER LAURENE  
24   WESTE, YOU WANTED TO SPEAK IN REGARDS TO CS-2? IT WILL BE  
25   AWHILE BEFORE WE GET TO THAT SO IF YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND





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1 MAKE YOUR COMMENTS. LAURENE WESTE: THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHAIRMAN  
2 KNABE. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU ALLOWING ME THE TIME. GOOD  
3 AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS AND CHAIRMAN KNABE. I AM COUNCIL MEMBER  
4 LAURENE WESTE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
5 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY AND LET YOU KNOW THAT I'M HERE  
6 TO REPRESENT THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND OVER 100  
7 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE COUNTY'S POSSIBLE  
8 SETTLEMENT WITH THE CEMEX ON THEIR PROPOSED TRANSIT MIX  
9 CONCRETE PROJECT. AS YOU KNOW, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU TODAY  
10 ON YOUR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA UNDER CEMEX VERSUS L.A. COUNTY.  
11 THE LAST TIME I TESTIFIED BEFORE YOU, I MENTIONED THAT OUR  
12 CONGRESSMAN, HOWARD BUCK MCKEON, HAD INTRODUCED LEGISLATION  
13 THAT WOULD FEDERALLY MANDATE MINING TO HISTORICAL LEVELS IN  
14 SOLEDAD CANYON AREA. SINCE THEN, SENATOR BARBARA BOXER HAS  
15 ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SHE WOULD BE INTRODUCING THE SAME  
16 LEGISLATION AS A COMPANION BILL THROUGH THE SENATE. YOU SHOULD  
17 ALSO KNOW THAT THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
18 AND THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD ARE RECOMMENDING THAT  
19 THE COUNTY RECIRCULATE THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
20 TO UPDATE AND BETTER ASSESS THE PROJECT'S IMPACT TO OUR  
21 ALREADY DECLINING AIR QUALITY. IN ADDITION, AND HOT OFF THE  
22 PRESSES, ON JANUARY 16TH, 2004, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
23 FISH AND GAME ISSUED A NEW LETTER TO THE COUNTY REQUESTING  
24 THAT THE COUNTY RECIRCULATE THE E.I.R. BECAUSE THE FISH AND  
25 GAME IS VERY CONCERNED THAT IT HAS NOT YET COMMENTED ON THE



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1 ARROYO TOAD FINDING ON THE SITE OR ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
2 BIOLOGICAL OPINION WHICH ADDS NEW PRODUCTION AND MONITORING  
3 WELLS AND MODIFIES THE HABITAT PROTECTION PLAN. I ASK YOU  
4 TODAY TO NOT SETTLE YOUR LAWSUIT WITH CEMEX. IT IS VERY MUCH  
5 IN YOUR INTEREST TO FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF FISH AND  
6 GAME, A.Q.M.D., AND C.A.R.B. AND THAT YOU WAIT FOR THE  
7 ADOPTION OF THE FEDERAL LEGISLATION BEING INTRODUCED BY  
8 CONGRESS MCKEON AND SENATOR BOXER THAT TRULY ADDRESSES THIS  
9 PROJECT IN A WAY THAT IS A WIN-WIN FOR THE COMMUNITY, THE  
10 APPLICANT, AND FOR THE HUNDRED-PLUS ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED TO  
11 THE PROJECT. AS ONE OF YOUR LARGEST CONTRACT CITIES, WE  
12 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AND WE  
13 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER. I'D  
14 REALLY LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD FOR ALLOWING  
15 US THE TIME TO SPEAK.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. WE HAVE A REQUEST  
18 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ON ITEM 1-D, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,  
19 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28,  
20 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49  
21 -- EXCUSE ME, NOT 49, 48. 50, 52, 54, 56, 57-C AND 57-D. MR.  
22 HOLLOWAY?

23

24 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** YES SIR. GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MERRITT  
25 HOLLOWAY. BEFORE YOU START, REAL QUICK, LAST WEEK, MR.



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1 JANSSEN, HE WAS OUT OF LINE BY GETTING UP SPEAKING WITH  
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WITHOUT REQUESTING FOR THE BOARD. YOU  
3 STARTED MY TIME BEFORE I STARTED BUT, ANYWAY, NO FUNDS, NO  
4 WORK, WORK WITHIN EXISTING GUIDELINES, INCREASES AMENDMENTS,  
5 SURCHARGES, ADJUSTMENTS. NUMBER 17, 21, 24, 34, 35, 52, 54,  
6 AND 56. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PUBLIC OBJECTION TO FEE  
7 WAIVERS. 7, 10, 42, C.E.Q.A. 1-D, 13, 19, 26, 27, 36, 37 38,  
8 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, AND 57-D, NO EXEMPTIONS TO THE  
9 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. THE PUBLIC DEMANDS THAT  
10 EVERYTHING CONFORM. BRING BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
11 BEFORE SIGNING IMPLEMENTATIONS, ITEM 2, 23, 39, AND 44. USE  
12 COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR ELSE SUBTRACT THE DOLLAR AMOUNT. THAT'S  
13 FOR ITEM 25 AND 28. NEED TO CALL FOR RECONSIDERATION, WELL,  
14 THAT WAS 48 AND -- 47 AND 48, WHICH YOU DID THAT, AND THAT'S  
15 HELD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. OKAY. L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS, OH, THERE'S SO MANY, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME.  
17 1:57. OKAY. NO LENGTH OF SERVICE FAVORS, NUMBER 1, 5, IN DRUG  
18 TRADES, BE ALL-- PUBLIC DEMANDS ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES  
19 INVOLVED IN DRUG TRADES BE IMMEDIATELY ENROLLED IN PRISON AND  
20 RECOMMEND ALL C.I.A., F.B.I., SHERIFF, AND POLICE AND  
21 SUPERVISORS BE RECALLED WEEK. THAT'S FOR ITEM NUMBER 5. NUMBER  
22 6, RECOMMEND VISITATION -- VISIT A CRIMINAL JUDGE IN PRISON  
23 DAY. NUMBER 8, NO OVERTIME PAY FOR SHERIFFS OR COMMISSION.  
24 NUMBER 9, RECOMMEND TO PULL TROOPS FROM AROUND THE WORLD AND  
25 FIX DOMESTIC PROBLEMS HERE INCLUDING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND



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1 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. 11, PARK INCLUDE--  
2 THE PARK THING BY BURKE, INCLUDE AFTER SCHOOL ARTS, MUSIC AND  
3 TUTORING PROGRAM. 12, DISMANTLE ALL INTEREST-- ALL INTEREST  
4 CONFLICTS AND DISCLOSE ALL FACTS, CRIMINAL AND FRAUDULENT  
5 ACTIVITIES. THAT'S NUMBER 12. 13, KEEP ALL COUNTY PROPERTY.  
6 AND WHAT IS DONE WITH THE MONEY AFTER YOU SELL THE PROPERTY.  
7 NUMBER 18 AND 23, DEMAND FEDERAL PROJECTS DON'T AFFECT COUNTY  
8 RESIDENTS ADVERSELY AS DOES FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO  
9 D.C.F.S. WHERE FEDERAL GIVES D.C.F.S. \$30 MILLION PLUS A YEAR  
10 TO STEAL CHILDREN. RECOMMEND TO JAIL ALL SOCIAL WORKERS,  
11 PERSONNEL, STEALING, LYING, AND COMMITTING OTHER CRIMINAL  
12 ACTIVITY. 20, USE FUNDS FOR FAMILY PRESERVATION. OKAY, I'VE  
13 GOT ABOUT 42 SECONDS SO WRITTEN DEMANDS, SECURE AND CORRECT  
14 VIOLATIONS. PUBLIC DEMANDS THAT, DUE TO CHANGING TIMES, THAT  
15 THE PUBLIC BE GIVEN A OFFICE WITH A COPIER, COMPUTER AND PHONE  
16 FOR THE PUBLIC TO CARRY OUT PUBLIC BUSINESS. THAT, WHEN  
17 MULTIPLE MEMBERS OBJECT TO ITEMS, BOARD WAIT AT LEAST ONE WEEK  
18 BEFORE APPROVING. THAT PUBLIC COMMENT COME DURING FIRST PART  
19 OF THE MEETING. THAT MERRITT HOLLOWAY BE ALLOWED OVERHEAD  
20 PROJECTOR. THAT WE, THE PUBLIC, VIEW MR. PETER BAXTER'S VIDEO  
21 ON THE TURBO JET FIRE EXTINGUISHER. THAT THE PUBLIC BE  
22 INFORMED OF ANY AND ALL MEETINGS ABOUT KING AND KING DREW AND  
23 THAT WE HAVE GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, THAT WE HAVE OPEN BIDDING AND  
24 THAT WE KNOW ABOUT EVERYTHING ABOUT THE BOARD. ALSO, THE



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1 PUBLIC DEMANDS MEETINGS TO START ON TIME AND SO, ALSO, TOO,  
2 THEY WE LOOK INTO THE TURBO JET, 30 USE FUNDS FOR KING DREW...  
3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. HOLLOWAY. YOUR TIME'S UP.  
5

6 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** AND PEOPLE CLOSE IN MEMORY OF ALL CHILDREN  
7 KILLED AND MEN KILLED UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE L.A.P.D.,  
8 THE SHERIFF, THE D.C.F.S. AND THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU THANK YOU. LET THE RECORD REFLECT  
12 I GAVE YOU 17 EXTRA SECONDS.

13

14 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** WE OBJECT TO EVERYTHING.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I KNOW YOU OBJECT TO EVERYTHING BUT I  
17 GAVE YOU 17 EXTRA SECONDS. OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE RECOMMENDS  
18 APPROVAL ON ITEM 1D, 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19,  
19 20, 21, 24, 25, 30, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45,  
20 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 57-C, AND 57-D. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND  
21 THOSE ITEMS. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR  
22 YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE UP FIRST. YOU KNOW WE HAVE TWO SET ITEMS,  
23 I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU WANT -- IF YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND PROCEED.  
24 WE HAVE S-1 AND S-2. WE HAVE ONE AT 2:00 AND ONE AT 2:30 SO...

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME JUST TAKE UP A COUPLE OF  
2   THE ITEMS. MR. ANTONOVICH FELLED ONE OF MY ITEMS -- THE ITEM --  
3   -- MY MOTION -- WHAT'S THE NUMBER OF IT?

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5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 2

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 2 ON THE WATER.

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9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE CALL UP DR. GARTHWAITE AND DR. FIELDING.  
10   YOU ISSUED A REPORT TODAY AND READING THE REPORT THAT YOU  
11   ISSUED TODAY SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT -- WOULD YOU RELAY HOW  
12   THAT RELATES TO THIS MOTION THAT'S ON THE TABLE RIGHT NOW? AND  
13   I WOULD ASK BOTH DR. GARTHWAITE AND DR. FIELDING, BECAUSE YOU  
14   BOTH SIGNED THE REPORT TODAY.

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16   **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR. WOULD YOU LIKE  
17   ME TO SUMMARIZE ...

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MM HM. SUP. MOLINA: WHAT ITEM IS THIS?

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21   **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** AS BACKGROUND, ON THE BEGINNING OF  
22   2003, THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED A CLARIFIED POLICY ON WATER  
23   AVAILABILITY. IN JULY, YOUR BOARD, IN A MOTION BY YOU,  
24   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WE  
25   PREPARED, YOU ASKED US TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE ADVISABILITY





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1 OF REEVALUATING WATER AVAILABILITY POLICY. WE HAD A MEETING IN  
2 SEPTEMBER WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, OF REGIONAL  
3 PLANNING, FIRE, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH DISTRICT. IN OCTOBER,  
5 DR. GARTHWAITE SENT A MEMO INDICATING, AND I QUOTE, "THE  
6 POLICY DOES NOT WARRANT REEVALUATION AT THE PRESENT TIME". IN  
7 NOVEMBER, WE PARTICIPATED WITH OTHER COUNTY AGENCIES IN TWO  
8 COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO EXPLAIN THE POLICY AND TO HEAR AND  
9 RESPOND TO CONCERNS. THESE WERE BOTH IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.  
10 THERE WERE SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE AT LEAST AT EACH OF THOSE  
11 TWO MEETINGS AND WHAT CAME OUT OF THAT WAS THAT THERE WAS NEW  
12 INFORMATION, THAT THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF RESIDENCES  
13 THAT WERE USING HAULED WATER. IN MOST CASES, IT WAS BECAUSE  
14 THEIR WELL HAD RUN DRY. IN A FEW CASES, IT APPEARS THAT THEY  
15 MAY HAVE SLIPPED THROUGH THE SYSTEM. THAT IS, THAT NOBODY  
16 ASKED THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BEFORE THEY WERE GIVEN A BUILDING  
17 PERMIT. IN ADDITION, WE HEARD CONCERNS THAT A LOT OF THE  
18 EXISTING WELLS WERE HAVING -- YIELDS WERE DECLINING AND THAT  
19 THERE WERE MORE WELLS THAT WERE RUNNING DRY EVERY YEAR. WE  
20 THEREFORE REALIZED THAT THIS PROBLEM WAS MUCH GREATER THAN I  
21 THINK ANYONE HAD EXPECTED AND WE THEREFORE DECIDED TO  
22 REEVALUATE IF THERE WERE ANY CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH HAULED  
23 WATER COULD BE FOUND TO BE POTABLE. THAT IS, SAFE.  
24 SPECIFICALLY, WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT FILTRATION AND  
25 DISINFECTION SYSTEMS AND, THROUGH OUR WORK WITH THE STATE AND



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1 OTHER COUNTIES, WE IDENTIFIED TWO SYSTEMS THAT ARE APPROVED BY  
2 THE STATE. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY CONCLUDED THAT USE OF A  
3 PROPERLY MAINTAINED STATE-APPROVED FILTRATION AND DISINFECTION  
4 SYSTEM WOULD PROVIDE REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT HAULED WATER IS  
5 POTABLE OR SAFE FOR HOUSEHOLD USE. THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE  
6 INSTALLED BETWEEN THE STORAGE TANK AND THE HOME. IT WOULD  
7 INCLUDE SEVERAL FILTERS AND AN ULTRAVIOLET LAMP FOR  
8 DISINFECTION AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF ABOUT, IN THE  
9 NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$3,000 PLUS INSTALLATION AND AN ANNUAL  
10 MAINTENANCE COST OF ABOUT \$350. IMPLEMENTING A POLICY TO ALLOW  
11 HAULED WATER TO BE USED WOULD REQUIRE A PERMIT AND A FEE SO  
12 THAT WE COULD REVIEW PLANS AND INSPECT AND MONITOR. I WANT TO  
13 NOTE THAT A FILTRATION DISINFECTION SOLUTION ONLY ADDRESSES  
14 WHETHER THERE IS A WAY TO MAKE -- TO HAVE REASONABLE ASSURANCE  
15 THAT HAULED WATER IS POTABLE. BECAUSE OF THE CRITICALITY OF  
16 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THESE SYSTEMS, RELIANCE ON  
17 MUNICIPAL WATER THAT MEETS E.P.A. STANDARDS OR WELL WATER  
18 PROVIDES BETTER LONG-TERM ASSURANCE OF POTABLE WATER. I WANT  
19 TO FURTHER UNDERSCORE THAT OUR AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY IS  
20 LIMITED TO DETERMINING IF THERE ARE TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS TO  
21 MAKE THE WATER SAFE TO CONSUMERS. AND THIS DOES NOT ADDRESS  
22 THE BROADER IMPLICATIONS WHICH WE REALIZE ARE SUBSTANTIAL IN  
23 TERMS OF REGIONAL PLANNING, THE IMPACTS THAT THIS COULD HAVE  
24 ON DEVELOPMENT AND WHETHER-- WHAT THE DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE  
25 PERMITTED IN THE ABSENCE OF MUNICIPAL OR WELL WATER. THESE



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1 DETERMINATIONS ARE BEYOND THE EXPERTISE OF THIS DEPARTMENT AND  
2 REQUIRES THE INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS. WE ARE ALSO  
3 REVIEWING OUR STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING THE YIELD OF A WELL.  
4 WE RECENTLY MET WITH A HYDROLOGIST IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.  
5 WE'RE MEETING WITH OTHER EXPERTS AS WELL AND WE ARE IN THE  
6 PROCESS OF DRAFTING A PROPOSED REVISION TO THE WELL-YIELD  
7 TESTING REQUIREMENTS WHICH WILL SIMPLIFY THE PROCEDURE. WE  
8 PLAN TO HAVE -- TO OBTAIN EXPERT REVIEW AND INPUT ON THE DRAFT  
9 AND EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THAT WITH YOU WITHIN THE NEXT  
10 MONTH.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NUMBER ONE, WHAT IS THE -- I'M SORRY?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WAS GOING TO SAY, WE HAD AN AMENDMENT TO  
19 MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION WHICH WOULD REVISE THE SECOND  
20 INDENTED SECTION TO READ "PROCEDURES TO ENSURE CONSISTENT  
21 ENFORCEMENT OF THE JOINT POLICY BY ALL INVOLVED DEPARTMENTS"  
22 AND TO ADD A FOURTH SECTION TO READ, "THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
23 SERVICES, WORKING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF  
24 REGIONAL PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE, AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
25 TO CONDUCT AT LEAST TWO COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO DISCUSS ANY



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1 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY'S HAULED WATER POLICY. THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE ADVANCE WRITTEN  
3 NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND A MINIMUM OF 15 DAYS IN  
4 ADVANCE OF THESE HEARINGS." WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON  
5 THOSE TWO AMENDMENTS?

6

7 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR, DO WE -- I  
8 WONDER IF I COULD HAVE A COPY OF THOSE? I HAVE NOT SEEN THEM.  
9 IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN POLICY, WE CERTAINLY NEED TO WORK WITH  
10 ALL INVOLVED...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I CAN'T HEAR YOU, JON.

13

14 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** IF, IF THERE IS TO BE A CHANGE IN  
15 POLICY, WE CERTAINLY NEED TO WORK WITH ALL INVOLVED  
16 DEPARTMENTS...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE CURRENT POLICY?

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20 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** I'M SORRY?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE CURRENT POLICY?

23

24 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** THE CURRENT POLICY IS THAT WE HAVE NOT  
25 ALLOWED HAULED WATER WHEN WE'VE BEEN ASKED.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO ANY CHANGE IN POLICY WOULD BE A  
3 DEVIATION FROM THAT POLICY?

4

5 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** THAT IS CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. AND THAT'S AS IT RELATES TO THE SECOND  
8 POINT, MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION? THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCT  
9 HEARINGS ON ANY CHANGE IN POLICY?

10

11 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** IF THAT IS THE WILL OF THE BOARD, THAT  
12 WOULD...

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PARDON ME?

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16 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** IF THAT IS THE WILL OF THE BOARD,  
17 CERTAINLY THAT'S SOMETHING WE WOULD DO.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MOTION, OF MY  
20 MOTION, WAS, IF I CAN-- I KNOW, MR. ANTONOVICH, FOR THE SAKE  
21 OF DISCUSSION, THE MOTION, THESE MOTIONS BEFORE US-- THESE  
22 AMENDMENTS BEFORE US, I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE FIRST PART OF  
23 HIS MOTION, OKAY? AND I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE WAY THIS WHOLE  
24 THING HAS BEEN HANDLED. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS NOT THE ONLY  
25 PLACE WHERE HAULED WATER IS AN ISSUE AND HERE'S WHAT I JUST



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1 HEARD FROM YOU, DR. FIELDING. THAT YOU HAVE A POLICY, YOU WENT  
2 OUT TO A HEARING OR HEARINGS OR MEETINGS IN THE SAN FERNANDO -  
3 - IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SHOWED UP, PRETTY  
4 MUCH BEAT YOU UP, YOU DIDN'T SAY THAT BUT THAT'S WHAT I  
5 UNDERSTAND HAPPENED, AND NOW YOU -- NOW, AFTER GETTING BEATEN  
6 UP BY A COUPLE HUNDRED PEOPLE, WHETHER THEY'RE RIGHT OR WRONG  
7 ABOUT WHY THEY WERE BEATING YOU UP, NOW, RATHER THAN RELY ON  
8 SCIENCE, YOU'RE RESPONDING TO A POLITICAL SITUATION AND YOU'RE  
9 NOT REALLY GIVING -- YOU COULD HAVE GIVEN US -- THERE IS  
10 TECHNOLOGY -- YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A DOCTOR OR A ROCKET  
11 SCIENTIST TO KNOW THAT THERE IS TECHNOLOGY TO FILTER WATER,  
12 HAULED WATER. THERE'S TECHNOLOGY TO CONVERT SALT WATER TO  
13 DRINKING -- TO POTABLE WATER, ISN'T THERE?

14

15 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. YOU CAN CLEAN ABOUT ANY KIND OF WATER  
18 IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SPEND ENOUGH MONEY TO DO IT. SO THAT'S  
19 NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, WE HAVE A -- OUR -- MY PROBLEM AND  
20 WHAT PROMPTED MY MOTION IN THE FIRST PLACE IS THAT WE HAVE A  
21 POLICY. THAT POLICY IS NOT BEING EVENHANDEDLY ENFORCED. IF WE  
22 HAVE A POLICY, WE OUGHT TO ENFORCE IT EVERYWHERE. IF THE  
23 POLICY NEEDS TO BE CHANGED, THEN YOU OUGHT TO MAKE A  
24 SCIENTIFIC CASE FOR WHY THAT POLICY SHOULD BE CHANGED. THERE  
25 ARE ALL KINDS OF IMPLICATIONS TO THIS THAT ARE HEALTH RELATED





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1 AND THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF IMPLICATIONS WHICH HAVE NOTHING TO  
2 DO WITH HEALTH BUT HAVE TO DO WITH PUBLIC SAFETY. FOR EXAMPLE,  
3 PEOPLE WHO YOU THINK MAY BE GETTING HAULED WATER MAY BE  
4 RIPPING THE WATER OFF OUT OF FIRE HYDRANTS. I DON'T KNOW.  
5 MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD OF SITUATIONS LIKE THAT. MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T.  
6 SOME DEPARTMENTS, SOME PEOPLE IN OUR BUREAUCRACY THINK THERE'S  
7 A WAY TO SOLVE THAT AND THAT'S WE CAN LOCK OUR FIRE HYDRANTS  
8 SO THAT PEOPLE COULDN'T RIP OFF FIRE HYDRANT WATER TO HAUL IT  
9 OVER TO THEIR HOMES, WHETHER IT'S NEW HOMES OR OLD HOMES. AND  
10 THE NOTION THAT I HAVE, MAYBE IT'S NOT AN ISSUE IN THE  
11 ANTELOPE VALLEY, BUT IN THE TOPANGA CANYON AREA AND ALL OVER  
12 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS WHERE THIS VERY SAME ISSUE APPLIES,  
13 THE NOTION OF LOCKING UP FIRE HYDRANTS IN THE MIDDLE OF A  
14 SANTA ANA CONDITION, WHEN SOME FIREFIGHTER IS SAYING, "WHOOPS,  
15 WHAT HAPPENED TO THE KEY?" IS JUST STUPID. IT IS PREPOSTEROUS.  
16 NOW, ALL I WANT IS FOR YOU TO COME BACK WITH A REPORT, AS  
17 DESCRIBED IN MY MOTION, AND, IN THE MEANTIME, ABIDE BY THE  
18 EXISTING POLICY, WHICH YOU'VE JUST SAID THE EXISTING POLICY IS  
19 YOU DON'T APPROVE ALL WATER. NOW, IF YOU WANT TO  
20 DIFFERENTIATE, WHAT YOU DIDN'T DO OR WHICH MR. -- I'M SORRY,  
21 YOU DID BUT MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION DIDN'T DO BETWEEN PEOPLE  
22 WHOSE WATER HAS RUN OUT, THEIR WELLS HAVE GONE DRY, AND ARE  
23 NOW BRINGING IN WATER FROM GOD KNOWS WHERE, AND NEW  
24 CONSTRUCTION, WHICH IS, I BELIEVE, A LARGE PART OF THE PEOPLE  
25 WHO CAME AND POUNDED YOU AT THESE MEETINGS, ARE PEOPLE WHO



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1 BOUGHT PROPERTY, DIDN'T HAVE ANY SOURCE OF WATER, NOW FIND  
2 THEY WANT TO DO SOMETHING IN CONTRAVENTION OF COUNTY POLICY,  
3 AND UNLESS YOU LET THEM DO IT, THEY'RE GOING TO BE VERY ANGRY  
4 PEOPLE, AND THEY'VE BEEN STIRRED UP. WHY THEY'VE BEEN STIRRED  
5 UP IS BEYOND ME BUT, YOU KNOW, I GO TO MY CONSTITUENTS AND I  
6 TELL THEM, "YOU CAN'T BUILD A HOUSE THERE IF YOU DON'T HAVE  
7 WATER". WE JUST GOT THROUGH APPROVING A SPECIFIC PLAN IN THE  
8 SANTA CLARITA AREA, NEWHALL RANCH, WHERE WE DEMANDED THAT THEY  
9 PROVE THAT THEY HAD WATER. WE DON'T KNOWINGLY CHOOSE ANYWHERE,  
10 CERTAINLY NOT IN MY PART OF THE COUNTY, AND I HOPE NOT IN ANY  
11 PART OF THE COUNTY, KNOWINGLY APPROVE PROJECTS OR HOUSES,  
12 INDIVIDUAL HOUSES OR MORE THAN ONE THAT -- WHERE IT'S A WINK  
13 AND A NOD ABOUT WHETHER THEY HAVE A WATER SUPPLY. SO IF YOU  
14 WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENTIATION IN YOUR MOTION, MR. ANTONOVICH,  
15 I'M PREPARED TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO DEAL  
16 WITH THOSE EXISTING HOMES THAT HAVE RUN OUT OF WATER WHERE  
17 THEIR WELLS HAS GONE DRY. BUT, ON NEW HOMES, WE HAVE A POLICY.  
18 AND WHAT PROMPTED THIS IS THAT WE HAVE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE  
19 GOING LIKE THIS. ONE DEPARTMENT IS SAYING, YEAH, THAT'S OUR  
20 POLICY. OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE IGNORING THE POLICY. PERMITS ARE  
21 BEING ISSUED DESPITE THE POLICY. AND IT'S A -- IT'S AS  
22 CONFUSING AS ALL HELL. AND THERE'S NOT ONLY A HEALTH ISSUE BUT  
23 A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE HERE. AND, ALSO, I THINK AN INTEGRITY OF  
24 THE GOVERNMENT ISSUE. I DON'T LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GO -- I DON'T  
25 WANT TO HAVE TO GO TO SOME PROPERTY OWNER IN MY DISTRICT WHO



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1 THEN TELLS ME, "BUT OUT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, ANTONOVICH IS  
2 LETTING EVERYBODY SKATE," OR VICE VERSA. I'M SURE HE WOULDN'T  
3 LIKE IT IF I WERE DOING THE SAME THING AND I KNOW HE'S TRYING  
4 TO RESPOND TO HIS CONSTITUENCY AND I'M NOT FAULTING HIM FOR  
5 THAT BUT, AT SOME POINT, YOU GOT TO SAY THE POLICY IS THE  
6 POLICY. YOU HAVEN'T RECOMMENDED A CHANGE IN THE POLICY. WE  
7 HAVEN'T APPROVED THE CHANGE IN THE POLICY. WE HAD A BIG DEBATE  
8 ABOUT THIS DURING THE SUMMER AND THAT HASN'T BEEN RESOLVED  
9 YET. THIS MEMO IS NOT A CHANGE IN POLICY. ALL YOU'VE SAID IS  
10 THERE'S A WAY TO TECHNICALLY DO IT. OF COURSE THERE'S A WAY TO  
11 TECHNICALLY DO IT. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER IT'S ADVISABLE,  
12 WHETHER IT'S IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY, WHETHER IT'S  
13 IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND  
14 WELFARE, WHETHER IT CAN BE ENFORCED, HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE  
15 ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHEN CALLED UPON TO SPEND \$3,000, PLUS OTHER  
16 COSTS TO PUT IN A FILTRATION SYSTEM ON WATER THAT LOOKS TO  
17 THEM TO BE PERFECTLY CLEAR OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE COUNTY, I  
18 WOULDN'T WANT TO BET A LOT OF MONEY THAT THEY'RE GOING TO PUT  
19 A \$3,000 FILTRATION SYSTEM. AND I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF  
20 CONFIDENCE THAT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH OF A FEE WE CHARGE THROUGH  
21 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE THE KIND OF  
22 MONITORING THAT YOU WANT. HELL, WE CAN'T EVEN MONITOR OUR OWN  
23 HOSPITALS' EMERGENCY ROOMS. WHY ARE YOU GOING TO GO OUT TO THE  
24 ANTELOPE VALLEY AND SEE THAT SOME PROPERTY OWNER HAS ACTUALLY  
25 PUT IN A FILTRATION SYSTEM BURIED IN SOME FOXHOLE THAT, YOU



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1 KNOW, THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN COULD FIT INTO. I MEAN, THIS IS  
2 WHAT, THIS IS, TO ME, IS BIZARRE. SO, YOU KNOW, YOU'VE BEEN  
3 POUNDED OUT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I'M ABOUT TO POUND YOU  
4 HERE. YOU GOTTA BE CONSISTENT. THE RULES HAVE GOT TO BE  
5 CONSISTENT. AND WHERE WE GOT INTO TROUBLE WITH THE CORRUPTION  
6 WITH THESE BUILDING PERMITS THAT WERE ISSUED A FEW YEARS AGO  
7 BY THE COUNTY, YOU KNOW, ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER. AND WHEN  
8 PEOPLE DON'T THINK THE RULES APPLY TO EVERYBODY, THEN THE  
9 RULES APPLY TO NOBODY. AND I DON'T LIKE THAT -- THE PROSPECTS  
10 OF WHAT'S COMING WHEN WE DO THAT. NOW, IF YOU WANT TO, AS A  
11 PHYSICIAN AND AS THE CHIEF OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THIS COUNTY,  
12 YOU WANT TO STAND BEFORE THIS BOARD AT SOME POINT AND SAY THAT  
13 YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS IS SAFE AND HEALTHY FROM A MEDICAL POINT  
14 OF VIEW, THAT'S WHAT YOUR CHARGE IS. THE REST OF IT'S UP TO  
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WHO HAS A LOT TO SAY ABOUT  
16 THIS. I'M SURE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE  
17 SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THIS, GIVEN THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE GOING  
18 ON, AND THE REST OF US WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT IT. SO  
19 I'M GOING TO ASK -- I'M GOING TO ASK THAT MR. -- MR.  
20 ANTONOVICH, I'LL SUPPORT THE SECOND PART OF YOUR MOTION. I ASK  
21 YOU, IF YOU WOULD, IN THE INTEREST OF CONSENSUS, STRIKE THE  
22 FIRST PART, THE REVISION, THAT YOU CALL FOR -- IF YOU'D LIKE  
23 TO TAKE A STAB AT DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN THOSE WHOSE WELLS  
24 HAVE RUN DRY AND NEW HOMES, I'M WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH YOU  
25 ON THAT BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THAT'S A PROBLEM. BUT, ON NEW



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1 CONSTRUCTION, I THINK WE SHOULD STICK WITH THE POLICY UNTIL  
2 THIS BOARD CHANGES IT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING  
5 IS HAVING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS SHOULD  
6 BE IN ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS AND WE HAVE ENGAGED ALL OF THE  
7 DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP A POLICY BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE A  
8 WRITTEN POLICY. THAT'S WHAT CREATED THE PROBLEM. WE DID NOT  
9 HAVE A WRITTEN POLICY. SO WHAT WE HAVE DONE, WE STARTED SOME  
10 PUBLIC HEARINGS. I ENCOURAGED THOSE HEARINGS TO BE DONE IN  
11 EACH OF OUR DISTRICTS AND ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS ARE  
12 PARTICIPATING AND THEN THEY ARE COMING UP WITH A POLICY. AND  
13 IF YOU READ IN TODAY'S JANUARY 20TH MEMO TO THE BOARD, THEY  
14 STATE, "BASED ON THIS REVIEW, WE ARE DRAFTING A PROPOSED  
15 REVISION TO THE WELL-YIELD TESTING REQUIREMENTS WHICH WILL  
16 SIMPLIFY THE PROCEDURE". SO THEY'RE WORKING ON IT AND, AGAIN,  
17 THE DEPARTMENT IS RECOMMENDING A FILTRATION DISINFECTION  
18 SYSTEM THAT IS BEING USED IN OTHER COUNTIES. THIS IS NOT  
19 SOMETHING NEW. THIS IS BEING DONE IN OTHER COUNTIES AND ALL  
20 WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO DO IS HAVE A CONSISTENT POLICY. SO THAT'S  
21 WHERE WE'RE COMING FROM.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ISN'T THIS JUST A REPORT BACK?

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN MY HAND, I HAVE A COPY OF THE POLICY.  
2   IT'S WRITTEN, AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.  
3   IT'S WRITTEN. THIS IS YOUR POLICY OF JANUARY 1ST, 2003. DO YOU  
4   RECOGNIZE THIS DOCUMENT?

5

6   **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** YES, SUPERVISOR. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN MY HAND, ARE YOU OR ARE YOU NOT OR HAVE  
9   EVER BEEN... [LAUGHTER] SO THAT'S --

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THAT WAS NOT DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
12   STUDIES AND THAT'S WHERE THE DEPARTMENTS WERE NOT WORKING  
13   TOGETHER, AND WE'RE ASKING THAT THE DEPARTMENTS WORK TOGETHER.  
14   THAT'S WHY WE PUT THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS IN PLACE SO ALL  
15   OF THE DEPARTMENTS WILL PARTICIPATE AND WE WILL COME BACK AND  
16   WE'RE EXAMINING WHAT OTHER COUNTIES ARE DOING SO WHAT YOU HAVE  
17   IS AN INTERPRETATION...

18

19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SAM IS AGREEING WITH THAT.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...OF A STATE REGULATION THAT IS NOT BEING  
22   INTERPRETED BY OTHER COUNTIES.

23





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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, OTHER COUNTIES DON'T HAVE THE  
2   INTERPRETATION WE HAVE ABOUT RAW MILK BUT WE WENT BEYOND THE  
3   STATE-OF-THE-ART, DIDN'T WE, MIKE? SO...

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, RAW MILK IS BEING SOLD TODAY THROUGHOUT  
6   THE STATE...

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY I BROUGHT IT UP. [LAUGHTER]

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...OKAY?

11

12   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOUR AGREEMENT, YOU'RE BOTH IN AGREEMENT ON  
13   THE SECOND PART OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION BRINGING ALL  
14   THESE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER, IS THAT CORRECT?

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. AND THAT'S WHAT...

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...AND THAT'S BEING DONE AS WE SPEAK.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. SO WHY IS IT IN THE MOTION, THEN, IF  
23   IT'S BEING DONE?

24

25   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SO...



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1

**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH  
PUBLIC HEARINGS. I DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH A CHANGE IN THE  
POLICY. ALL I WANT TO MAKE SURE IS THAT THIS POLICY, WHICH IS  
BEING- HAS BEEN APPLIED IN -- WHICH WAS BEING APPLIED, AS I  
UNDERSTOOD IT, IN EVERY PART OF THE COUNTY -- OBVIOUSLY IT  
HASN'T BEEN APPLIED ACROSS THE BOARD IN EVERY PART OF THE  
COUNTY -- BUT THIS IS THE POLICY. IT'S IN WRITING THAT, UNTIL  
WE CHANGE IT, THAT IT BE RESPECTED. AND, IF YOU'VE GOT AN  
ISSUE, AND HEAR ME OUT NOW, MIKE, I'M TRYING TO BE AT LEAST  
SOMEWHAT SYMPATHETIC TO THE ISSUE YOU HAVE WITH EXISTING  
PEOPLE, EXISTING HOMES, IF YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THAT IN SOME  
WAY, I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT, BECAUSE -- BUT...

14

**SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T YOU WITHDRAW THE FIRST PART AND  
BRING IT BACK AS A SEPARATE MOTION NEXT WEEK?

17

**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.

19

**SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY? THAT WAY WE HAVE ZEV'S MOTION ON THE  
FLOOR FOR CONSIDERATION.

22

**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, I...

24



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'VE AGREED TO MIKE'S AMENDMENT OF THAT  
2   PART WHERE THE FOURTH INDENTED SECTION TO READ, THAT'S RIGHT  
3   THE PART YOU AGREE WITH, CORRECT?

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S THE SECOND PART OF THE AMENDMENT.  
6   THAT'S RIGHT.

7

8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THE FIRST PART, THEN, SUPERVISOR  
9   ANTONOVICH WILL BRING BACK NEXT WEEK AS A SEPARATE MOTION.

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST ASK COUNTY COUNSEL, IF USING  
14   HAULED WATER AS POTABLE WATER IS A HEALTH ISSUE, THEN IT'S  
15   SAFE FOR EXISTING USERS BUT WHY NOT NEW USERS? AND THEN DOES  
16   THAT INVOLVE THE REVERSE, INVERSE CONDEMNATION ISSUE, IF THAT  
17   IS THE CASE?

18

19   **COUNSEL PETER GUTIERREZ:** SUPERVISOR, ON INVERSE CONDEMNATION,  
20   SINCE THE HEALTH OFFICER HAS DETERMINED THAT HAULED WATER IS  
21   NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SOURCE OF POTABLE WATER AND THAT'S THE  
22   CURRENT POLICY AND HAS A LEGITIMATE REASON, A HEALTH REASON  
23   FOR COMING UP WITH THAT RULE, THEN THERE WOULDN'T BE A TAKING  
24   CLAIM OR AN INVERSE CONDEMNATION CLAIM UNDER THOSE FACTS.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT COULD CONDONE FOR  
2   EXISTING DEVELOPMENTS SUCH USAGE OF POTABLE WATER?

3

4   **COUNSEL PETER GUTIERREZ:** I BELIEVE THAT'S THE EXISTING POLICY  
5   IS TO ALLOW THOSE RESIDENCES THAT ARE ALREADY CONSTRUCTED,  
6   WHERE A WELL RUNS DRY, TO ALLOW THEM TO USE HAULED WATER.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY'RE...

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE'S PROPOSING SOME FILTRATION TO GO ALONG  
11   WITH IT.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THERE WOULD BE NO INVERSE CONDEMNATION  
14   LIABILITY BY THE COUNTY...

15

16   **COUNSEL PETER GUTIERREZ:** IN CALIFORNIA, THERE ISN'T A --  
17   THERE'S NO RECOGNIZED PROPERTY RIGHT IN THE POTENTIAL SOURCE  
18   OF WATER. SO, GIVEN THAT THAT'S THE STATE OF THE LAW IN  
19   CALIFORNIA, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR SOMEONE, UNDER  
20   THOSE FACTS, TO ASSERT A TAKING CLAIM AS A RESULT OF THE  
21   POLICY.

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IF YOU WERE GOING TO --  
24   EVEN FOR EXISTING HOMES WHERE THE WELL HAS RUN DRY, YOU WOULD  
25   RECOMMEND THAT, IF THEY'RE GOING TO BRING IN HAULED WATER,



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1 THAT IT WOULD BE DONE -- WELL, YOU'RE NOT -- YOU'RE SAYING IT  
2 CAN BE DONE -- IT CAN BE RENDERED POTABLE PROVIDED THEY'VE  
3 ENGAGED IN THE FILTRATION CONCEPTS THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

4

5 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** YES, SUPERVISOR

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU WOULD STILL NOT RECOMMEND THAT THEY JUST  
8 HAUL WATER FROM ANY OLD PLACE WITHOUT ANY FILTRATION?

9

10 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** NO, I WOULD NOT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EVEN IN AN EXISTING HOME WHOSE WELL HAS RUN  
13 DRY?

14

15 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** NO, I WOULD NOT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE POLICY OF THE DEPARTMENT, THERE WAS NO  
18 WRITTEN POLICY FOR 20 YEARS PLUS, AND THEN A POLICY WAS  
19 WRITTEN WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT  
20 CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. IS THAT  
21 CORRECT?

22

23 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** NO, THAT'S NOT MY UNDERSTANDING,  
24 SUPERVISOR. I'M GOING TO LET DR. SCHUNHOFF OR ART AGUIRRE, WHO  
25 WERE HERE LONG BEFORE ME, TALK ABOUT THE CONTINUITY OF THE



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1 POLICY. I HEARD ABOUT IT AFTER WE PUT THIS IN PLACE. MY  
2 UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THIS -- WHAT CAME OUT IN WRITTEN FORM  
3 THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WAS HOLDING UP SIMPLY CLARIFIED  
4 EXISTING POLICY BUT I'D LIKE DR. SCHUNHOFF OR MR. AGUIRRE  
5 TO...

6

7 **ART AGUIRRE:** THE POLICY...

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PULL THE MICROPHONE OVER A LITTLE  
10 BIT TOWARDS YOU.

11

12 **ART AGUIRRE:** THE POLICY ON...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE NEED YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, TOO,  
15 PLEASE.

16

17 **ART AGUIRRE:** ART AGUIRRE, DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.  
18 WE'VE ALWAYS HAD A POLICY RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION  
19 STANDARDS AND THE APPROVAL FOR WELLS. SPECIFICALLY, A POLICY  
20 THAT EXCLUDED ANY OTHER SOURCE OF WATER FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION  
21 WAS NOT IN WRITING BUT THAT HAD BEEN THE DEPARTMENT'S  
22 EXPECTATION AND WHAT WE'D ALWAYS REQUIRED FOR NEW  
23 CONSTRUCTION.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS NOT IN WRITING?



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2 **ART AGUERIA:** IT WAS NOT. NOT SPECIFICALLY, NO, SIR. WE HAVE  
3 ALWAYS HAD, THOUGH, THE REQUIREMENT FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, IN  
4 THE ABSENCE OF A MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM, THAT PROPERTIES WERE  
5 REQUIRED TO BUILD OR DRILL A WELL SO THAT THEY COULD GET THEIR  
6 PROPERTY APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN YOU PUT IT IN WRITING, THERE WAS NO  
9 PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS?

10

11 **ART AGUERIA:** WE HAD A -- WE DID HAVE MEETINGS WITH FOLKS OUT  
12 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND OTHERS. WE RELIED ON THE TOWN  
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENTS OUT THERE AT A TIME WHEN WE WERE DISCUSSING  
14 THE CHANGES IN THE POLICY TO GET WORD OUT TO SOME OF THE  
15 PARTICIPANTS OUT THERE. THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS WITH  
16 PEOPLE FROM THE LOCAL REALTORS OUT THERE IN THE AREA ALSO. SO  
17 THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE CLARIFICATION OF WHAT WAS AND  
18 WAS NOT ALLOWED.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PRIOR TO IT BEING WRITTEN?

21

22 **ART AGUIRRE:** YES. I'M SORRY?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PRIOR TO IT BEING WRITTEN?

25





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1   **ART AGUIRRE:** YES.

2

3   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE DISCUSSIONS WE'VE HAD, THERE WAS  
4   CONCERN THAT IT WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC FORUMS AND, AS A  
5   RESULT OF THAT, WE HAD THE PUBLIC FORUMS AND, AS YOU KNOW, THE  
6   RESULT OF THOSE FORUMS IN WHICH PEOPLE WERE NOT AWARE. THAT'S  
7   WHY WE SUGGESTED THOSE MEETINGS ALSO BE CONDUCTED IN OTHER  
8   SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS BECAUSE THERE WAS A...

9

10   **ART AGUIRRE:** YOU ARE CORRECT, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE DID NOT HAVE  
11   THE TYPE OF FORUM THAT WE HAD SIMILAR TO THE ONES WE HAD  
12   RECENTLY AT THE END OF THE YEAR. THERE WAS MEETINGS WITH SOME  
13   OF THE LOCAL TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TO  
14   INFORM THEM OF THE CLARIFICATION, THE POLICY OR REQUIREMENTS.  
15   AND ALSO MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THERE WERE SOME ARTICLES  
16   THAT WERE WRITTEN BY SOME OF THE LOCAL PAPERS UP THERE  
17   INFORMING SOME OF THE LOCAL CITIZENS OF THESE ISSUES REGARDING  
18   HAULED WATER.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THERE WAS NO FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO THE  
21   PUBLIC UNTIL WE ASKED FOR IT?

22

23   **ART AGUIRRE:** NO, SIR.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT'S THE ISSUE THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US  
2   AND WHY WE NEED THESE TYPE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS IN ALL OF OUR  
3   DISTRICTS, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND IT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE BECAUSE  
4   THERE HAS BEEN, ACCORDING TO MANY, A DEVIATION. AND IT WAS NOT  
5   DONE IN CONCERT WITH FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND WORKING  
6   WITH ALL OF THE COUNTY AGENCIES.

7

8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, I -- IT  
9   APPEARS THERE IS -- THE APPLICATIONS ARE DIFFERENT IN EACH OF  
10   THE COMPETING DISTRICTS HERE. I THOUGHT THE INTENT OF THE  
11   MOTION IN YOUR AMENDMENTS WAS TO SORT OF BRING THAT ALL  
12   TOGETHER SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE THIS PUBLIC PROCESS TO HAVE  
13   CONSISTENCY.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT, BUT IN THE -- THE ONLY PLACE WHERE  
18   MR. ANTONOVICH AND I DIFFER...

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BUT HE'S GOING TO SEPARATE THAT OUT AND  
21   BRING THAT BACK.

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE IS. IF THAT'S WHAT HE'S DOING, THAT'S  
24   FINE, AND THEN FIGURE IT OUT AND I THINK HIS ANSWER TO THE  
25   QUESTION FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL HELPS GET -- MOVE THAT ALONG.



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1 AND, RATHER THAN PROLONG IT, I JUST, I'LL SUPPORT HIS MODIFIED  
2 AMENDMENT AND THEN MOVE THE ITEM AS MODIFIED...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU CATER TO THAT, SUPERVISOR  
5 ANTONOVICH? OKAY. SO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES HIS MOTION.  
6 AS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AS AMENDED WITH THE ADD  
7 THE FOURTH INDENTED SECTION AND THEN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
8 WILL DO THE OTHER PART NEXT WEEK OR WHEN HE SEES FIT. WITHOUT  
9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, IF YOU WOULDN'T  
10 MIND, CAN WE GO TO THE SET ITEMS, PLEASE?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, IF YOU CAN GET ME, KIND OF, GET ME  
13 SOME HAULED WATER, I'M THIRSTY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I HAVE AN OPEN BOTTLE HERE. FIRST OF ALL,  
16 THEN, WE'RE GOING TO CALL S-1 UP, WHICH IS CONSIDERATION OF  
17 THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
18 RECOMMENDATIONS AND BRIEF REPORT ENTITLED, "SAFELY SURRENDERED  
19 AND ABANDONED INFANTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2002". DEANNE? AND  
20 THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLANNING COUNCIL. OKAY? WHICH I  
21 HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO CHAIR LAST YEAR. AND WHILE THEY'RE  
22 SITTING DOWN THERE, ITEM 27 WAS NOT APPROVED DURING -- I  
23 FORGOT TO LIST ITEM 27. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
24 THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALSO, IT'S COME TO  
25 MY ATTENTION THAT, ON ITEM NUMBER 31, GENEVIEVE HAS WITHDRAWN



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1 HER HOLD. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THE CHAIR WOULD SECOND.  
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WITH THOSE TWO BITS OF  
3 HOUSEKEEPING, DEANNE, IT'S ALL YOURS.

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5 **DEANNE TILTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE  
6 SUPERVISORS, I AM DEANNE TILTON AND I AM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
7 ICAN, THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. WITH  
8 ME IS TISH SLEEPER, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR FOR ICAN, WHO IS OUR  
9 PRIMARY ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE OF COLLECTING DATA, NOT ONLY  
10 ON SAFELY SURRENDERED CHILDREN BUT ON ALL CHILD...

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SHE AND JACQUELINE MCKROWSKI KNOW EACH  
13 OTHER? NO. THAT WAS A INSIDE JOKE ABOUT DATA. ALL RIGHT.

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15 **DEANNE TILTON:** UH, YEAH, WE DO, YES. UH HUH. YOU EACH HAVE  
16 RECEIVED A COPY OF THE REPORT ENTITLED "SAFELY SURRENDERED AND  
17 ABANDONED INFANTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN 2002". EARLIER,  
18 SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO HAS BEEN THE LEADER AND MENTOR ON THIS  
19 ISSUE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, GAVE A REALLY EXCEPTIONAL  
20 INTRODUCTORY SPEECH ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFE SURRENDER  
21 PROJECT SO THAT SHORTENS WHAT I NEED TO SAY, EXCEPT TO PERHAPS  
22 GIVE A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE. BY 2000, ABOUT HALF OF THE STATES  
23 IN THE COUNTRY HAD A SAFE SURRENDERED LAW. SO WE REALLY JUMPED  
24 IN BEHIND JIM BRUTY'S S.B. 1368 TO GET IT PASSED, THINKING  
25 THAT WE WERE REALLY GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF



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1 SAVING CHILDREN'S LIVES BECAUSE, MONTH AFTER MONTH, WE REVIEW  
2 CHILDREN'S DEATHS AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO BE MAKING STEPS  
3 TOWARDS PREVENTING THIS AND WE FELT WE WERE. IN 2001, THAT LAW  
4 PASSED AND BECAME THE LAW IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND, IN  
5 THAT SAME YEAR, 11 NEWBORN INFANTS WERE ABANDONED TO DIE. THAT  
6 WAS ALMOST A THIRD OF THE TOTAL CHILD DEATHS BY PARENT OR  
7 CARETAKER IN THE YEAR 2001. SO IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE LAW  
8 ITSELF WASN'T ENOUGH. IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO HAVE A LAW ON THE  
9 BOOKS IF NOBODY KNEW ABOUT IT AND NOBODY WAS ACTIVELY PURSUING  
10 -- ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO SAFELY SURRENDER THEIR NEWBORN  
11 INFANTS. SO, IN 2002, SUPERVISOR KNABE PASSED HIS MOTION AND  
12 SAFE SURRENDER TASK FORCE WAS FORMED. IT WAS ORGANIZED BY THE  
13 CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL AND INCLUDED MANY DEPARTMENTS,  
14 MANY PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES, ET CETERA AND, WITHIN  
15 MONTHS, AS SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS INDICATED, WE HAD 12 MAJOR  
16 RECOMMENDATIONS IN ORDER TO SAVE CHILDREN'S LIVES AND PREVENT  
17 ABANDONED AND -- SURVIVING ABANDONED AND DECEASED ABANDONED  
18 CHILDREN. OUT OF THESE 12 RECOMMENDATIONS, TWO CAME TO ICAN  
19 DIRECTLY WHICH RELATE VERY MUCH TO OUR EXPERTISE. ONE IS DATA  
20 COLLECTION AND THAT IS ESSENTIALLY ACCOUNTABILITY. WHO ARE THE  
21 WOMEN WHO ARE ABANDONING THEIR KIDS? WHY ARE THEY DOING THIS?  
22 AND WHERE ARE THEY? AND, THEREFORE, WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREVENT  
23 THEM FROM SUBJECTING THESE INFANTS TO EITHER A VERY CRUEL  
24 SHORT LIFE OR DEATH? WE ALSO WERE ASKED TO LEAD A PUBLIC  
25 INFORMATION CAMPAIGN ALONG WITH FIRST FIVE AND TO ESTABLISH A



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1 SPEAKERS BUREAU, WHICH WE HAVE DONE. THE TASK OF COLLECTING  
2 THIS DATA WAS VERY CHALLENGING BECAUSE OF THE SECRECY  
3 CONNECTED TO THE PREGNANCIES AND THE SECRECY CONNECTED TO THE  
4 WHOLE ISSUE OF UNWANTED AND ABANDONED INFANTS. AND SO THE  
5 STAFF PERSON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING ALL OF THE  
6 CHILD DEATH DATA FOR ICAN WAS ASSIGNED TO TRY TO PULL TOGETHER  
7 ANOTHER GROUP TO EXAMINE WHO THE MOTHERS ARE, WHERE THEY ARE,  
8 IS THERE A PROFILE, WHAT CAN WE LEARN, AND TO MAKE  
9 RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU AS TO HOW TO PREVENT THE LOSS OF THESE  
10 PRECIOUS LIVES. SO I'LL COME BACK TO OUR RECOMMENDATIONS  
11 SPECIFICALLY BUT I WANTED TISH SLEEPER TO PRESENT AN OVERVIEW  
12 OF OUR FINDINGS OF 2002 AND ALSO ADVISE YOU THAT, TODAY, YOU  
13 RECEIVED PRELIMINARY DATA ON 2003, THE ABANDONED SURVIVING,  
14 THE ABANDONED DECEASED, AND SAFELY SURRENDERED CHILDREN AND A  
15 SHORT UPDATE ON JANUARY OF 2004. TISH SLEEPER.

16

17 **TISH SLEEPER:** THANK YOU. IN 2002, AS SUPERVISOR KNABE  
18 PREVIOUSLY SAID, 10 NEWBORNS WERE SAFELY SURRENDERED IN L.A.  
19 COUNTY. UNFORTUNATELY, 13 NEWBORNS WERE ALSO ABANDONED. FIVE  
20 OF THOSE SURVIVED AND, MOST UNFORTUNATELY, EIGHT WERE FOUND  
21 DECEASED. AS ICAN LOOKED AT THESE 23 CASES, WE WANTED TO LOOK  
22 AT DATA TO FIND A WAY TO ASSIST IN REACHING THE PUBLIC, TO  
23 REACHING THE WOMEN WHO ARE ABANDONING THEIR INFANTS, TO FIND  
24 OUT IF THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WOMEN WHO ABANDONED AND  
25 WOMEN WHO SAFELY SURRENDER, TO FIND OUT IF EITHER OF THESE



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1 GROUP OF MOTHERS FIT A PROFILE, AND, FOR THE MOTHERS WHO TOOK  
2 ADVANTAGE OF THE LAW, TO FIND OUT HOW THEY KNEW ABOUT THE LAW  
3 AND WHAT PROMPTED THEM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. FOR THOSE WHO  
4 DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LAW, THOSE WHO ABANDONED THEIR  
5 INFANTS, WE TRIED TO FIND OUT IF THEY KNEW ABOUT THE LAW, IF  
6 THEY DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THE LAW, AND, IF THEY DID KNOW ABOUT  
7 THE LAW, WHY THEY DIDN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. WITH THAT IN  
8 MIND, WE DETERMINED THAT MOTHERS WHO ABANDON THEIR NEWBORNS  
9 DID NOT DIFFER ON DEMOGRAPHIC ITEMS FROM THOSE WHO SURRENDERED  
10 THEIR NEWBORNS. AND, IN FACT, I THINK THERE'S A MISPERCEPTION  
11 THAT MOTHERS WHO ARE ABANDONING THEIR INFANTS ARE YOUNG,  
12 UNMARRIED TEENS WHO ARE LIVING AT HOME WITH THEIR PARENTS.  
13 AND, IN FACT, WE FOUND THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE. WOMEN WHO  
14 SAFELY SURRENDER THEIR INFANTS OR WHO ABANDONED THEIR INFANTS  
15 RANGE IN AGE FROM 16 TO 42 YEARS OF AGE. THEY CROSS ALL  
16 MARITAL STATUS; THERE ARE SINGLE WOMEN, MARRIED WOMEN,  
17 DIVORCED WOMEN. THERE ARE ALSO-- SEVERAL OF THESE WOMEN HAD  
18 OLDER CHILDREN. THESE WERE NOT FIRST-TIME MOTHERS.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. CAN I JUST INTERRUPT? ONE OF THE  
21 SAFE SURRENDERS WAS A MALE TURNING...

22

23 **TISH SLEEPER:** IT WAS THE FATHER OF THE CHILD, YES.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FATHER OF THE CHILD.





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2 **TISH SLEEPER:** YES. IN FACT, THERE WERE EIGHT MOTHERS WHO  
3 SURRENDERED, ONE FATHER, AND ONE FRIEND OR COUSIN OF A MOTHER,  
4 YES. WE ALSO FOUND THAT THEY CROSS ETHNIC LINES. THESE  
5 CHILDREN THAT ARE ABANDONED AND SAFELY SURRENDERED ARE  
6 HISPANIC, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, AND CAUCASIAN. WHILE THE MAJORITY  
7 OF THE INFANTS WERE HISPANIC, THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH L.A.  
8 COUNTY'S BIRTH RATE, WHICH HAS A HIGHER BIRTH RATE FOR  
9 HISPANIC WOMEN. SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS: WE FOUND THAT THEY ALSO  
10 CROSS OVER SOCIO AND ECONOMIC STATUS; HOWEVER, WE DID FIND  
11 THAT SEVEN OF THE 13 ABANDONED INFANTS AND SEVEN OF THE 10  
12 SURRENDERED INFANTS WERE FOUND OR SURRENDERED IN ECONOMICALLY  
13 DEPRESSED NEIGHBORHOODS, SPECIFICALLY IN SPA 6, 7, AND 8. IN  
14 THE REPORT, THERE'S A MAP THAT SHOWS THE SAFE SURRENDERS AND  
15 ABANDONED INFANTS FOR 2002 AND YOU CAN SEE A PATTERN WHERE  
16 SEVERAL OF THEM, ALMOST A MAJORITY, FALL RIGHT DOWN THE 110  
17 FREEWAY. WE FOUND THAT VERY INTERESTING. SO, OF COURSE, WE  
18 THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT SOCIOECONOMIC  
19 CONDITIONS WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT THE ISSUE OF INFANT  
20 ABANDONMENT. ALSO, OF THE FIVE SURRENDERING PARTIES WHO WE  
21 WERE ABLE TO GET INFORMATION FROM REGARDING THEIR MOTIVATION  
22 TO SURRENDER, FOUR OF THE FIVE INDICATED THAT THEY WERE  
23 FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO CARE FOR THE CHILD. IN LOOKING AT THE  
24 DATA AND TRYING TO COME UP WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A  
25 PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN, WE FEEL THAT, BECAUSE ABANDONMENT



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1 AND SURRENDERS OCCURRED ALL ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, IT'S IMPORTANT  
2 THAT THE PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN ALSO REACH THE ENTIRE  
3 COUNTY. HOWEVER, IF WE'RE TARGETING CERTAIN COMMUNITIES, WE  
4 WANT TO TARGET THOSE COMMUNITIES WHERE MOST ABANDONMENTS AND  
5 POSSIBLE SAFE SURRENDERS ARE OCCURRING OR MOST PREVALENT. THE  
6 OTHER THING THAT WE CAME UP WITH BY LOOKING AT OUR DATA IS  
7 THAT WOMEN WHO ABANDON THEIR INFANTS IN AN UNSAFE MANNER WERE  
8 CONSISTENT IN THEIR NEED TO HIDE THEIR PREGNANCIES, EVEN FROM  
9 THOSE THEY LIVED WITH. SEVERAL OF THESE WOMEN LIVED WITH  
10 FAMILIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT THE  
11 FAMILIES WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN THAT THESE WOMEN WERE PREGNANT.  
12 SO WE ALSO THINK THAT THE PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN NEEDS TO  
13 REACH THOSE WHO SURROUND THE WOMEN, THEIR CO-WORKERS, THEIR  
14 FAMILIES, AND THAT WE STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING  
15 SUPPORT TO PREGNANT WOMEN AND TO PRESSING A WOMAN WHO DENIES  
16 SHE'S PREGNANT, IF YOU REALLY THINK THAT SHE IS. THOSE ARE THE  
17 TYPE OF RECOMMENDATIONS WE'RE MAKING BASED ON THE 2002 DATA.  
18 FOR 2003, WE'VE JUST STARTED LOOKING AT THE DATA. THERE WERE  
19 EIGHT SAFELY SURRENDERED NEWBORNS AND, UNFORTUNATELY, EIGHT  
20 ABANDONED IN AN UNSAFE MANNER. ONE SURVIVED AND SEVEN WERE  
21 DECEASED. SO IF WE LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF ABANDONED INFANTS  
22 SINCE 2001, THEY'RE GOING DOWN. IT WAS 14 IN 2001, 13 IN 2002,  
23 AND 7 IN 2003, SO THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS. PRELIMINARY DATA AGAIN  
24 SHOWS THAT THESE WOMEN, SAFE SURRENDERED WOMEN AND ABANDONING  
25 MOTHERS DO NOT DIFFER FROM ONE ANOTHER DEMOGRAPHICALLY AND



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1 THAT THEY DO NOT FIT ANY TYPE OF STEREOTYPICAL PROFILE.  
2 FINALLY, IN 2004, AS SUPERVISOR KNABE SAID, WE'VE ALREADY HAS  
3 ONE SAFE SURRENDER AND WE ALSO HAD ONE INFANT THAT WAS  
4 ABANDONED BUT, MOST FORTUNATELY, HAS SURVIVED AND IS WITH THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES AWAITING ADOPTION. THANK YOU.

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7 **DEANNE TILTON:** NO DECEASED. I WANTED TO JUST BRIEFLY PRESENT  
8 OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND ALSO ADVISE YOU THAT THE ICAN SPEAKERS  
9 BUREAU, WHICH IS HEADED BY PENNY WEISS, OUTGOING ASSISTANT  
10 DIRECTOR OF ICAN IN HER LAST WEEK OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT, SHE  
11 HAS PUT TOGETHER A BUREAU THAT HAS REACHED 420 INDIVIDUALS,  
12 PROFESSIONALS FROM COUNTY LIBRARIES, FROM MEDICAL CENTERS,  
13 PROBATION, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, COMMUNITY, AND TWO  
14 RADIO SHOWS, AND EACH OF THESE PEOPLE WHO HAS BEEN TRAINED HAS  
15 BEEN GIVEN THE TASK TO TRAIN OTHERS. SO WE'RE HAPPY WITH THE  
16 NUMBER THAT WE'VE REACHED BUT WE'RE NOT REACHING ENOUGH,  
17 OBVIOUSLY, ALTHOUGH, SO FAR THIS YEAR, WE HAVE NO LOSS OF  
18 LIFE, WE HAVE HAD A SURRENDER. WE ARE STILL AIMING FOR THAT  
19 HUNDRED PERCENT LIFE-SAVING EFFORT. OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AS  
20 FOLLOWS: BY THE WAY, THE LATEST DATA WAS GIVEN TO YOU TODAY ON  
21 2003/2004. IT WAS NOT IN THE BOUND REPORT WHICH YOU EACH GOT A  
22 COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND SO LET ME PREFACE THIS BY AGAIN  
23 THANKING THE BOARD FOR ITS SUPPORT AND THANKING SUPERVISOR  
24 KNABE FOR TRULY LANDING ON THIS ISSUE AND PUTTING HIS HEART  
25 AND SOUL INTO IT. I THINK MOST PEOPLE WHO WORKED SO HARD ON



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1 THIS EFFORT, AND THERE WERE DOZENS AND DOZENS, DID SO PARTLY  
2 BECAUSE THEY FELT THIS WAS A SINCERE AND FROM THE HEART  
3 REQUEST TO THEM FROM THIS BOARD, AND IT WASN'T WORK THAT  
4 DIDN'T HAVE SOME PURPOSE AND COULDN'T HAVE A INCREDIBLY  
5 IMPORTANT OUTCOME. OUR FIRST RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE CHIEF  
6 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE WORK WITH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL  
7 STAKEHOLDERS TO ASSURE THAT THE PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN IS  
8 BROAD ENOUGH TO REACH CHILD-BEARING WOMEN OF ALL ETHNICITIES,  
9 SOCIOECONOMIC CLASSES AND GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS AS WELL AS  
10 THOSE WHO SURROUND THEM. THE CAMPAIGN SHOULD PLACE SPECIAL  
11 EMPHASIS ON TARGETING COMMUNITIES WHERE ABANDONMENT AND THE  
12 POSSIBILITY OF SAFE SURRENDERS ARE MOST PREVALENT. LET ME ADD  
13 TO THIS THAT WE ACTUALLY HAVE A MAP THAT SHOWS HOW THESE  
14 ABANDONMENTS AND SURRENDERS SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE COUNTY IN  
15 2003 VERSUS 2002, WHERE THEY'RE ALMOST ALL DOWN THE HARBOR  
16 FREEWAY. THERE IS A MIGRATION OUTWARD SO WE DON'T KNOW FOR  
17 SURE WHERE THIS WOULD LEAD. I KNOW, IN ALABAMA, THEY FOUND THE  
18 LONGER THE SAFE SURRENDER CAMPAIGN CONTINUED, THE MORE THEY  
19 FOUND MIDDLE CLASS, COLLEGE STUDENTS, THE MORE THEY WERE ABLE  
20 TO PULL OUT OF -- A REPRESENTATION OF FAMILIES WHO WERE  
21 CAPABLE OF HIDING THE ABANDONMENT MORE EASILY THAN THOSE WHO  
22 FIND ONLY DUMPSTERS AND TRASH BINS AND SUCH TO ABANDON THEIR  
23 CHILDREN. SO WE WANT A WIDE SWATH THERE AND WE'RE ASKING THE  
24 C.A.O. TO HELP WITH THAT. WE ALSO ASK THAT THE DEPARTMENTS OF  
25 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC SOCIAL



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1 SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF OUR  
2 SPEAKERS BUREAU. WE REALLY NEED ALL THE PEOPLE WE CAN GET TO  
3 GO OUT AND TRAIN PEOPLE ON THE SAFE SURRENDER LAW AND REACH  
4 THOSE WHO MAY BE PREGNANT OR KNOW SOMEBODY WHO IS PREGNANT AND  
5 WOULD SAFELY SURRENDER THEIR CHILD. AND THAT'S BEEN A  
6 DIFFICULT TASK BECAUSE OF HOW BUSY EVERYONE IS BUT SO  
7 IMPORTANT. AND, FINALLY, IN OUR DIFFICULT TASK OF COLLECTING  
8 DATA, WE'RE ASKING THAT THE CORONER'S OFFICE, DISTRICT  
9 ATTORNEY, SHERIFF'S, AND D.C.F.S. CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR  
10 EFFORTS TO PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF SURRENDERS, ABANDONMENTS,  
11 AND TO COLLECT DATA. SO, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WE'LL BE  
12 HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? I JUST WANT  
15 TO PERSONALLY SAY THANK YOU FOR THIS RESEARCH, WHICH I THINK  
16 IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I THINK, YOU KNOW, EVERYONE THINKS, ON  
17 THE SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM THAT THEY'RE ALL, YOU KNOW, 12-  
18 YEAR-OLD MOTHERS AND, YOU KNOW, HAVING FIRSTBORNS AND YOU  
19 REALLY REALIZE THAT THIS JUST REALLY RUNS THE GAMUT, NOT ONLY  
20 OF AGE, BUT OF SOCIOECONOMIC BACKGROUND, AND IT'S JUST REALLY  
21 HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE HAS NO ONE, REALLY, TO SHARE WITH  
22 OR TO, YOU KNOW, SHARE THAT PAIN WITH OR TO MAKE SOMETHING  
23 HAPPEN. AND SO ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO FACILITATE THAT, WE'RE  
24 WORKING AS HARD AS WE CAN TO TRY TO IMPLEMENT ALL YOUR  
25 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND HAVING



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1 THIS DATA THAT'S CRITICAL, TOO, SO I WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH  
2 AND TO ALL THE TASK FORCE MEMBERS THAT WERE HERE TODAY, A  
3 HEARTFELT THANKS ON BEHALF OF THE ALL THE CHILDREN OF LOS  
4 ANGELES COUNTY, SO WE THANK YOU.

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6 **DEANNE TILTON:** THANK YOU.

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8 **TISH SLEEPER:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK ONE QUESTION, MR. CHAIRMAN? HAVE  
11 YOU CONSIDERED OTHER LOCATIONS, DESIGNATED LOCATIONS SIMILAR  
12 TO THE WAY THEY DO IN NEW YORK, AS LONG AS THEY HAVE SUITABLE  
13 TRAINING?

14

15 **DEANNE TILTON:** THAT ISSUE HAS COME UP AND IT'S REALLY A LEGAL  
16 ISSUE THAT COUNTY COUNSEL WOULD HAVE TO HELP US WITH. IN NEW  
17 YORK, YOU CAN ESSENTIALLY SURRENDER YOUR CHILD ALMOST  
18 ANYWHERE. I MEAN, VERY BROAD DEFINITION OF WHAT A SAFE  
19 SURRENDER WOULD BE AND I THINK WE PROBABLY WOULD FIND MORE  
20 INFANTS THAT WAY BUT, EACH TIME WE HAVE EXAMINED THE EXPANSION  
21 OF WHERE INFANTS CAN BE SURRENDERED, THERE'S ALL KINDS OF  
22 LEGAL ISSUES THAT COME UP IN TERMS OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY. SO  
23 IF, YOU KNOW...

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND I THINK STILL THAT'S ONE OF THE GOALS  
2   BUT I THINK, MIKE, ONE OF THE REASONS THE LAWS HERE IN  
3   CALIFORNIA, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO LIABILITY, ARE  
4   SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN NEW YORK AND WE'RE TRYING TO WORK  
5   THROUGH THAT TO SEE POSSIBLY IF THERE MAY BE SOME LEGISLATIVE  
6   CHANGES WE CAN MAKE TO EXPAND IT BECAUSE YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY  
7   CORRECT. I MEAN, THE MORE OPPORTUNITIES THERE ARE, I THINK,  
8   THE BETTER OFF WE'LL ALL BE.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M THINKING, ALSO, YOU KNOW, LOCAL LAW  
11   ENFORCEMENT STATIONS, SHERIFF'S STATIONS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS.  
12   BUT I WOULD SAY COMING BACK IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME WITH  
13   SOME RECOMMENDATIONS, WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO FINALIZE  
14   THAT RECOMMENDATIONS.

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16   **DEANNE TILTON:** WE ALSO...

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18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, AGAIN, IN NEW YORK, WHICH WAS, I GUESS,  
19   A SUE-HAPPY TOWN AS CRAZY AS LOS ANGELES AND CALIFORNIA IS,  
20   THEY'RE ABLE TO WORK OUT SUCH A PROGRAM SO...

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22   **DEANNE TILTON:** AND WE'LL LOOK AT THE OUTCOMES OF THAT AS WELL.  
23   YOU ALSO HAD, AT ANOTHER TIME, INDICATED OTHER CAMPAIGNS FOR  
24   HIGH-RISK CHILDREN AND WE HAVE SERIOUSLY LISTENED TO THAT IN  
25   TERMS OF THE AUTO/PEDESTRIAN DEATHS AND WE'RE WORKING WITH





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1 FIRST FIVE RIGHT NOW TO TRY TO DEVELOP CAMPAIGNS FOR  
2 AUTO/PEDESTRIAN DEATHS BECAUSE, UNFORTUNATELY, IN OUR LAST  
3 REPORT, 41 LITTLE KIDS, TODDLERS, BABIES, WERE KILLED BY JUST  
4 BEING BACKED UP OVER IN A DRIVEWAY OR HIT IN A CROSSWALK OR ON  
5 THEIR TRICYCLE. SO WE APPRECIATE THAT EACH ONE OF YOU HAS THE  
6 CONCERN ABOUT OUR MOST HELPLESS AND VULNERABLE POPULATION AND  
7 WE'LL COME BACK TO YOU WITH THAT AS WELL.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WILL MOVE  
12 THE RECOMMENDATION AND SUPERVISOR BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT  
13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YIKES.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** HELLO. I HAVE A QUESTION.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, I-- WELL, I ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY  
22 OTHER QUESTIONS AND...

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NOT OF YOU. THANK YOU, THOUGH, VERY MUCH. I  
25 HAVE A QUESTION FOR DR. SANDERS AND IT'S MORE WITH THE ISSUE



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1 OF WHEN THE BABIES COME TO US, AFTER THEY'VE COME TO US AND  
2 THEY GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF ADOPTION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DR. SANDERS?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH I THINK WOULD BE RELEVANT, OKAY?

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MM HM.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AS YOU KNOW, DR. SANDERS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT  
15 WE'RE DOING, I THINK THAT THIS PROGRAM HAS HAD TREMENDOUS  
16 VALUE, AS WE HAVE SEEN FROM THE REPORT, FOR CREATING AN OPTION  
17 OR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MANY OF THOSE MOTHERS WHO, FOR WHATEVER  
18 REASON, MAKE A DECISION TO GIVE UP THEIR CHILD, THAT WE CREATE  
19 A SAFE HAVEN FOR THEM, WHICH WE HAVE DONE. BUT THE REALITY IS,  
20 WE'RE STILL FINDING THAT OUT AND THERE'S STILL MORE WORK THAT  
21 ALL OF US NEED TO DO IN THIS AREA. BUT THE OTHER CONCERN THAT  
22 I HAVE, AND I'VE BEEN TRACKING THESE CHILDREN, AND I'M STILL  
23 TROUBLED, VERY TROUBLED BY A BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS THAT NOW WE  
24 OVERLAY ON THESE CHILDREN. I GUESS WHAT I NEED TO FIND OUT IS  
25 HOW WE CAN BEGIN A PROCESS. THIS CHILD HAS BEEN EMANCIPATED TO



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1 THE NTH DEGREE. THIS INDIVIDUAL SAID HERE, AND AT LEAST  
2 CREATED A SAFE HAVEN FOR THEM, BUT SOME OF THE CHILDREN WE  
3 FIND IN DUMPSTERS THAT ARE ALIVE, THERE'S STILL A BUREAUCRATIC  
4 PROCESS THAT'S OVERLAID. I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT WE HAVE  
5 CHILDREN THAT WE FOUND A YEAR AGO AND TWO YEARS AGO THAT ARE  
6 STILL NOT EMANCIPATED. WHAT CAN WE DO? IN OTHER WORDS, THEY'RE  
7 NOT ADOPTED. AND THAT'S SORT OF A -- ONE OF THE ASSURANCES  
8 THAT I THINK PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW.

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10 **DR. DAVID B. SANDERS:** MR. CHAIR, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THE-- I  
11 THINK THAT, VERY CLEARLY, THE -- AND IT WAS PART OF A  
12 RESOLUTION THAT WAS DONE EARLIER BY YOU AND SUPERVISOR  
13 ANTONOVICH AROUND THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS, I THINK THAT, AT  
14 THE FINALIZATION END IN ADOPTIONS, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF  
15 ISSUES FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND THAT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE  
16 AREAS THAT SHOULD BE MUCH EASIER THAN IT HAS BEEN. AND I CAN  
17 COMMIT TO PERSONALLY WORKING ON MOVING THESE FINALIZATIONS  
18 MORE QUICKLY THAN THEY HAVE BEEN. THERE REALLY ISN'T AN EXCUSE  
19 FOR WHY THEY AREN'T DONE.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY. I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION. I WAS  
22 READING SOME OF YOUR INFORMATION WHICH THE DATES ARE WRONG.  
23 THE HOME STUDY WAS DONE A MONTH BEFORE THE CHILD WAS BORN SO  
24 NOW I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE INFORMATION YOU'RE GIVING ME. THESE  
25 ARE YOUR OWN DOCUMENTS.



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2 **DR. DAVID B. SANDERS:** THE HOME STUDY COULD BE DONE BEFORE FOR  
3 FAMILIES WHO -- IF THE FAMILY WAS IDENTIFIED EARLIER, THE HOME  
4 STUDY COULD HAVE BEEN DONE FOR THAT FAMILY THAT MIGHT LOOK TO  
5 ADOPT THE CHILD.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, WELL, WHICH IS GOOD, BECAUSE THAT'S WHY I WAS  
8 WONDERING, WHY IS IT WE DON'T HAVE, WAITING IN THE WINGS, YOU  
9 KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?

10

11 **DR. DAVID B. SANDERS:** RIGHT.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** ADOPTIVE FAMILIES, FOSTER PARENTS THAT ARE VERY  
14 INTERESTED IN ADOPTING A CHILD, PARTICULARLY BABIES? WE HEAR  
15 JUST SUCH A HUGE CRY OF SO MANY POTENTIAL ADOPTIVE PARENTS. SO  
16 THEN YOU'RE GOING -- YOU'RE TELLING ME NOW THAT YOU DO HAVE  
17 FAMILIES WAITING IN THE WINGS?

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19 **DR. DAVID B. SANDERS:** MR. CHAIR, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ONE OF THE  
20 AREAS THAT WE ARE -- THAT WE'RE WORKING ON CURRENTLY IS  
21 CREATING THE -- A SINGLE HOME STUDY SO THAT FAMILIES DON'T  
22 HAVE TO GO THROUGH IT AGAIN. SO ONCE A -- FOR EXAMPLE, IF A  
23 FAMILY COMES FORWARD AND IS INTERESTED IN PROVIDING FOSTER  
24 CARE, THAT HOME STUDY WOULD BE APPLIED TO ADOPTION.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW LONG IS THAT GOING TO TAKE TO GET DONE?

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3   **DR. DAVID B. SANDERS:** WE ARE ACTUALLY WORKING ON SETTING IT UP  
4   WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH. WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR ABOUT FOUR  
5   MONTHS AND SO WE HAD ANTICIPATED STARTING IT THIS MONTH. IT'LL  
6   TAKE JUST A LITTLE LONGER BUT THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS. AND SO  
7   WE DO HAVE SOME FAMILIES WHO ARE WAITING FOR FINALIZATIONS OF  
8   CHILDREN BUT THAT NUMBER IS CLEARLY MUCH SMALLER THAN WHERE WE  
9   SHOULD BE.

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11   **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE NO  
12   JURISDICTION OVER THE COURTS AND THE LAWS AS TO HOW THE COURTS  
13   ADJUDICATE THESE SITUATIONS, BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT,  
14   EVEN AFTER AN ADOPTION IS DECLARED FINAL OR DECLARED AS -- AN  
15   ADOPTION IS APPROVED BY THE COURTS, THAT FAMILIES MUST -- THAT  
16   THE BIRTH MOTHER OR THE BIRTH PARENT HAS ONE YEAR IN WHICH TO  
17   RESCIND OR TRY AND GET THE CHILD BACK. IS THAT CORRECT?

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19   **DR. DAVID B. SANDERS:** MR. CHAIR, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THAT'S  
20   CORRECT. THEY CAN APPEAL THE DECISION FOR-- YES.

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22   **SUP. MOLINA:** AT THAT POINT IN TIME. SO -- AND YET, THERE IS A  
23   -- THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING, AND I'M WONDERING IF,  
24   LEGISLATIVELY, WE SHOULD INTRODUCE SOMETHING, NOT SO MUCH THAT  
25   PEOPLE IN ONE YEAR -- I DON'T WANT TO TAKE THAT RIGHT AWAY. I



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1 THINK THAT THAT'S PROBABLY OKAY BUT IF, IN FACT, WE'VE TAKEN A  
2 YEAR TO TWO YEARS TO EMANCIPATE THE CHILD, EVEN TO TAKE IT  
3 BEFORE THE COURTS, THAT PART IS TROUBLING FOR ME, SO THAT NOW  
4 YOU WILL HAVE A THREE-YEAR-OLD, MAY HAVE A THREE-YEAR-OLD, AND  
5 SOME OF THESE ARE ON THAT TRACK, THE ONES WE'VE BEEN TRACKING,  
6 THAT, IF THIS PROCESS GOES AS IT'S SUPPOSED TO GO, THIS CHILD  
7 IS GOING TO BE THREE YEARS OLD WHEN IT FINALLY IS ADOPTED  
8 LEGALLY BY THE PARENTS AND THEN, AFTER THAT, THEY WILL HAVE  
9 ONE YEAR IN WHICH TO POTENTIALLY FILE AN APPEAL. I'M WONDERING  
10 IF, IN FACT, THIS WOULD NOT REQUIRE SOME KIND OF SPECIAL  
11 CIRCUMSTANCES LEGISLATION IN WHICH THIS CHILD WOULD BE PUT ON  
12 A DIFFERENT TRACK THAN A CHILD WHO IS JUST GIVEN UP OR, FOR  
13 SOME REASON, IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. IT JUST SEEMS TO  
14 ME THAT WE WANT TO GET THIS CHILD STABILIZED, PARTICULARLY IF  
15 IT'S A BABY, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND THERE SEEMS TO BE  
16 SOME BUREAUCRATIC MECHANISMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE WANT TO  
17 MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION ON BEHALF OF THE CHILD, WHICH IS WHY  
18 WE SHOULD BE AHEAD OF THE GAME, PROBABLY HAVE SOME ADOPTIVE  
19 POTENTIAL PARENTS WAITING IN THE WINGS, AND YOU SAY YOU'RE  
20 SORT OF DOING THAT, BUT I THINK THE OTHER ISSUE IS, WHAT WE  
21 NEED TO DO IS MAYBE FIND A WAY TO GET THE LEGISLATURE, WHILE  
22 NOT DENYING THE RIGHTS OF THE MOTHER FOR A YEAR, I THINK THAT  
23 SHOULD STILL BE THERE, BUT IF WE DON'T GET TO OUR END EARLY  
24 ENOUGH IN THE GAME, THIS CHILD MAY BE THREE OR FOUR YEARS OLD.  
25 THE ONES THAT WE'RE TRACKING CONCERN ME BECAUSE EVEN WHEN THIS



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1 SO-CALLED, WHAT IS IT, .26 HEARING IS HELD, WHICH I JUST FOUND  
2 OUT WHAT THAT IS, IS IT -- YEAH, .26, EVEN THOUGH IT'S HELD,  
3 IT'S HEARD, LIKE, WHAT, SIX MONTHS AFTER THE CHILD IS FOUND,  
4 IN MOST INSTANCES, THERE'S CONTINUANCES OF THOSE HEARINGS AND  
5 THAT'S WHEN THE BUREAUCRATIC DELAY BEGINS. SO I WOULD BE  
6 INTERESTED IN HAVING YOU LOOK AT SOME LEGISLATION THAT MAYBE  
7 COUNTY COUNSEL COULD HELP US WITH IN PUTTING TOGETHER, IN SOME  
8 KIND OF, QUOTE, SPECIAL NEEDS MECHANISM, ONLY BECAUSE, IF  
9 WE'RE GOING TO PURSUE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD, I THINK  
10 YOU NEED TO STABILIZE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND I'M CONCERNED  
11 THAT EVEN THOUGH WE MIGHT HAVE DR. SANDERS ALREADY  
12 ANTICIPATING THAT BY LOADING IT UP FRONT AND HAVING HOME  
13 STUDIES AND OTHER BUREAUCRATIC THINGS DONE EARLIER, WE STILL  
14 NOW HAVE TO GO THROUGH A COURT PROCESS, WHICH MAY BE DELAYED  
15 BECAUSE OF ALL THE REQUIREMENTS. SO I'M JUST WONDERING IF  
16 THERE'S SOMETHING THAT COULD BE DONE SO THAT WE PRESERVE THE  
17 PARENTS' RIGHT TO APPEAL BUT LIMIT IT IN THE FIRST YEAR ALIVE  
18 OR AT LEAST THE FIRST YEAR AND A HALF OF LIFE AS COMPARED TO  
19 MAYBE THREE OR FOUR YEARS, SORT OF IN A LIMBO KIND OF  
20 SITUATION, WHICH ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN TO THAT CHILD. SO, IF  
21 YOU WOULD COME BACK TO US, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THAT AS A  
22 RECOMMENDATION. I KNOW IT'S NOT TOTALLY RELATED AND I  
23 APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT ICAN HAS DONE BUT I REALLY THINK THAT  
24 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S NOW ON OUR END OF IT AND I THINK WE  
25 NEED TO DO SOMETHING.





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2 **DR. DAVID B. SANDERS:** WE CAN CERTAINLY PUT SOMETHING TOGETHER.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT IDEA. I  
5 WAS REMINDED, DURING, YOU KNOW, YOUR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
6 THERE, THAT -- OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE WE HELD ON SAFE  
7 SURRENDER, I BELIEVE IT WAS GLENDALE ADVENTIST, AND I WAS  
8 WALKING AWAY, JUST WALKING BACK TO THE CAR TO GET READY TO GO  
9 TO ANOTHER EVENT AND THIS LADY CAME UP TO ME AND SHE SAYS,  
10 "WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOLD THIS BABY?" AND I SORT OF LOOKED AT  
11 HER SORT OF FUNNY AND IT WAS AN ABANDONED BABY AND SHE WAS ONE  
12 OF THE ONLINE FOSTER PARENTS AND HER COMMENT TO ME AS I LEFT  
13 WAS, YOU KNOW, "NOW STARTS THE POTENTIAL DELAYS," AND SHE WAS  
14 CONCERNED ABOUT THAT AND THE WHOLE PROCESS BECAUSE THE TIME  
15 HAD PASSED. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.  
16 NEXT, WE'RE GOING TO INVITE THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL TO  
17 COME FORWARD. YOLIE. BRING YOUR -- WHOA, WE'VE GOT A FULL  
18 COURT PRESS HERE. ALL RIGHT! I KNOW THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS  
19 GOING TO ASK ME THIS SO, JUST PRIOR TO YOUR SPEAKING, IF YOU'D  
20 JUST GIVE US YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

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22 **YOLIE FLORES AGULIAR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIR, SUPERVISORS.  
23 MY NAME IS YOLIE FLORES AGULIAR. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
24 THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL AND  
25 ITS MANY PARTNERS, I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS



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1 YOU REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE PLIGHT OF CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES  
2 COUNTY. JOINING ME IN THIS PRESENTATION ARE THREE MEMBERS OF  
3 THE COUNCIL, WHO EACH CO-CHAIRLED A WORK GROUP THAT HELPED TO  
4 DEVELOP THE RECOMMENDATIONS. DR. ELISA NICHOLAS, WHO CO-  
5 CHAIRED THE HEALTH ACCESS WORK GROUP; DR. JACQUELYN MCCROSKEY,  
6 WHO CO-CHAIRLED THE SAVE STABLE AND NURTURING FAMILIES WORK  
7 GROUP; AND NANCY AU, WHO HELPED TO LEAD THE EARNED INCOME TAX  
8 CREDIT WORK GROUP. IN A MOMENT, THEY WILL WALK US THROUGH THE  
9 RECOMMENDATIONS. TO BEGIN, I WILL BRIEFLY PROVIDE YOU WITH THE  
10 CONTEXT FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS, OUTLINE THE PROCESS THAT WE  
11 USED, AND DISCUSS THE THREE GOALS WE ARE ASKING THE BOARD TO  
12 ADOPT FOR L.A. COUNTY. ON OCTOBER 12, 2002, YOUR BOARD ADOPTED  
13 A MOTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ASKING THE  
14 CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
15 ADDRESS THE PLIGHT OF CHILDREN. BASED ON THE CALIFORNIA REPORT  
16 CARD PREPARED BY CHILDREN NOW, A STATE-WIDE CHILD ADVOCACY  
17 ORGANIZATION, WHICH FOUND THAT CALIFORNIA COMPARES POORLY WITH  
18 OTHER STATES IN PROVIDING ADEQUATE EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND  
19 ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. THE 2002  
20 L.A. COUNTY CHILDREN'S SCORE CARD, PREPARED BY THE CHILDREN'S  
21 PLANNING COUNCIL, FURTHER FOUND THAT, ALTHOUGH COUNTY-WIDE  
22 IMPROVEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE BETWEEN 1995 AND 1999, ACROSS  
23 L.A.'S FIVE OUTCOMES OF CHILD WELL-BEING, IT FOUND THAT  
24 THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CONTINUE TO FARE POORLY IN  
25 THE AREAS OF HEALTH ACCESS, ECONOMIC WELLBEING, SAFETY AND



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1 SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING. THE PROCESS TO DEVELOP THE  
2 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD BEGAN WITH AN ANALYSIS OF THE  
3 DATA AND FINDINGS IN BOTH PUBLICATIONS. THIS ANALYSIS WAS  
4 REVIEWED BY MEMBERS OF THE C.P.C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE  
5 DATA PARTNERSHIP, AND MEMBERS OF THE SPA A.I.C. COUNCILS.  
6 BASED ON CRITERIA DEVELOPED IN THIS PROCESS, A SHORT LIST OF  
7 POTENTIAL AREAS OF FOCUS WAS IDENTIFIED AND SHARED WITH THE  
8 LEADERSHIP OF EACH OF THE COUNCILS TO TEST THE RELEVANCY OF  
9 THESE AREAS TO REAL CONCERNS AND ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITY.  
10 AFTER HEARING FROM THE COMMUNITY, THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING  
11 COUNCIL NARROWED THE FOCUS TO WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE THE THREE  
12 AREAS THAT ARE DEEMED TO BE THE MOST COMPELLING AND FOR WHICH  
13 THERE ARE IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.  
14 THE THREE AREAS ARE AS FOLLOWS: FIRST, ACCESS TO HEALTH  
15 COVERAGE. L.A. COUNTY CONTINUES TO HAVE A HIGHER RATE OF  
16 UNINSURED CHILDREN COMPARED TO CALIFORNIA, 16.9% COMPARED TO  
17 14.3%, AND THE DISPARITIES ACROSS CERTAIN ETHNIC GROUPS ARE OF  
18 CONCERN. THE SECOND AREA IS RELATED TO CHILDREN LIVING IN  
19 SAFE, STABLE, NURTURING FAMILIES. ALTHOUGH THE RATE OF  
20 CALIFORNIA CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE DECLINED BETWEEN 1998 AND  
21 2000, IT WAS STILL WELL ABOVE THE NATIONAL RATE. AND, ALTHOUGH  
22 L.A. COUNTY HAS ONE OF THE LOWER CHILD ABUSE REFERRAL RATES IN  
23 THE STATE, IT HAS SOME OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF CHILDREN IN THE  
24 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. THE THIRD AREA IS ABOUT REDUCING POVERTY  
25 THROUGH THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT. CALIFORNIA RANKS IN THE



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1 BOTTOM FIFTH OF ALL STATES IN A PROPORTION OF LOW INCOME  
2 FAMILIES AND, IN 2000, HAD THE EIGHTH HIGHEST CHILD POVERTY  
3 RATE NATIONWIDE. WITHIN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES HAD ONE OF THE  
4 HIGHEST RATES. C.P.C. THEN CONVENED THREE STAKEHOLDER GROUPS  
5 TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EACH OF THESE AREAS.  
6 THE COMPOSITION OF THESE WORK GROUPS REPRESENTED A BROAD ARRAY  
7 OF STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE  
8 COMMUNITY, EACH WITH EXPERTISE, EXPERIENCE, AND THE  
9 WILLINGNESS TO COLLABORATE IN IMPLEMENTING THE  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS. EACH WORK GROUP WAS CO-CHAIRLED BY A COUNTY  
11 DEPARTMENT HEAD, A CONVENER OF A SPA OR A.I.C. COUNCIL, AND A  
12 C.P.C. MEMBER REPRESENTING THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE WORK GROUPS  
13 ALSO DEVELOPED AGGRESSIVE MEASURABLE GOALS FOR THE COUNTY.  
14 THESE GOALS ARE INTENDED TO BE MET WITHIN 18 MONTHS OR TO MAKE  
15 SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD THESE GOALS DURING THE SAME  
16 PERIOD. THESE ARE THE THREE GOALS: GOAL NUMBER ONE: BY JULY  
17 2005, ENSURE THAT AN ADDITIONAL 135,000 CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE  
18 ENROLLED IN HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAMS. GOAL NUMBER TWO: BY JULY  
19 2005, SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN LIVING IN  
20 SAFE, STABLE, NURTURING FAMILIES. AND GOAL NUMBER THREE: BY  
21 JULY 2005, INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN THAT  
22 FILE AND RECEIVE THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT BY 20,000. THE  
23 CO-CHAIRS FOR EACH GROUP -- WORK GROUP WILL NOW PRESENT THE  
24 RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE CAN HELP US ACHIEVE EACH OF  
25 THESE GOALS. DR. ELISA NICHOLAS.



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2 **DR. ELISA NICHOLAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ELISA NICHOLAS. THE ACCESS  
3 WORK GROUP WAS CO-CHAIRLED BY DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE, DIRECTOR  
4 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES; LORRAINE BARBER,  
5 CONVENER OF SPA 8; AND ME, A PEDIATRICIAN OF THE CHILDREN'S  
6 CLINIC AND A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE  
7 FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. GOOD HEALTH IS AN ESSENTIAL  
8 PART OF A CHILD'S OVERALL WELL- BEING. WHILE THE LINKS BETWEEN  
9 CHILDREN'S OVERALL WELLBEING AND GOOD HEALTH ARE WELL  
10 DOCUMENTED, THERE ARE STILL MANY BARRIERS THAT PREVENT  
11 CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FROM ACCESSING GOOD HEALTH.  
12 CLEARLY, ACCESS TO HEALTH INSURANCE INFLUENCES WHETHER A CHILD  
13 CAN ACHIEVE GOOD HEALTH. HOUSEHOLD INCOME, PARENTAL EMPLOYMENT  
14 STATUS AND AGE MAY IMPACT THE ABILITY OF THE FAMILIES TO  
15 OBTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THEIR CHILDREN. THE PATCHWORK OF  
16 PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR  
17 FAMILIES POSES ITS OWN BARRIER. THE VARIETY OF PROGRAMS, THE  
18 COMPLEX FORMS AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR  
19 FAMILIES TO ENROLL AND MAINTAIN ENROLLMENT IN THEIR CHILDREN'S  
20 HEALTH COVERAGE. AND, CONSEQUENTLY, MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR  
21 MANY OF THESE CHILDREN TO ACCESS APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY  
22 HEALTHCARE. I WITNESS THESE BARRIERS ON A DAILY BASIS WITH THE  
23 FAMILIES THAT I SERVE IN MY PRACTICE. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS  
24 SEEK TO OVERCOME THOSE BARRIERS. RECOMMENDATION NUMBER ONE  
25 FOCUSES ON FACILITATING ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION. WE RECOMMEND



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1 TO INSTRUCT THE DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
2 AND PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN A REQUIREMENTS  
3 ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE THE TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY, COST, AND  
4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF ONE EAP AS A UNIVERSAL ENROLLMENT AND  
5 RETENTION SYSTEM AND RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH FINDINGS AND THE  
6 NEXT STEPS. ONE EAP IS A WEB-BASED SYSTEM THAT LINKS PROGRAMS,  
7 STREAMLINES ELIGIBILITY SCREENING AND IMPROVES ENROLLMENT AND  
8 RETENTION EFFORTS. IN CALIFORNIA, ONE EAP HAS BEEN PILOTED IN  
9 ALAMEDA AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND HAS BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED IN  
10 INDIANA AND ARIZONA WITH SUCCESSFUL RESULTS. FUNDING FOR THIS  
11 REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS HAS BEEN SECURED THROUGH THE UNIHEALTH  
12 FOUNDATION AND, AS PART OF AN OVERALL COLLABORATIVE STRATEGY,  
13 THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE COALITION, OF WHICH D.H.S.,  
14 D.M.H., D.P.S.S. AND THE C.P.C. ARE MEMBERS. RECOMMENDATION  
15 NUMBER TWO. THIS FOCUSES ON STRATEGIES TO ENSURE UNIVERSAL  
16 COVERAGE. IT INSTRUCTS THE DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF  
17 HEALTH SERVICES AND PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT THE  
18 FOLLOWING HEALTHCARE COVERAGE ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION  
19 STRATEGIES TO ENSURE UNIVERSAL COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN AND  
20 YOUTH. IN COLLABORATION WITH HOSPITALS, BEGINNING WITH DHS  
21 HOSPITALS, ENSURE THAT STAFF USE THE NEWBORN REFERRAL FORM FOR  
22 ALL BIRTHS TO MEDICAL MOTHERS AND THAT, DURING THE HOSPITAL  
23 STAY, ALL OTHER BABIES ARE SCREENED AND ENROLLED IN HEALTH  
24 COVERAGE PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THEY ARE ELIGIBLE. TWO, ASSIST ALL  
25 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR CONTRACTORS TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO





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1 ENSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH, USING THEIR SERVICES, HAVE  
2 HEALTHCARE COVERAGE. THREE, INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF SERVICE  
3 PROVIDERS TO ASSIST WITH ALL ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATION  
4 REPORTS AND FINALLY, EDUCATE PATIENTS, CLIENTS, MEMBERS, AND  
5 OTHERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF RECEIVING REGULAR PREVENTIVE  
6 HEALTHCARE AND ONGOING TREATMENT FOR CHRONIC DISEASES AS A  
7 MEANS OF IMPROVING HEALTH AND DEMONSTRATING THE VALUE OF  
8 HEALTH COVERAGE. RECOMMENDATION THREE. THIS FOCUSES ON THE  
9 DEVELOPMENT OF A HEALTH ACCESS BLUEPRINT TO ACHIEVE LONGER-  
10 TERM GOALS. INSTRUCT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO  
11 PURSUE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY CHANGES REQUIRED TO IMPROVE  
12 HEALTH COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
13 AND INSTRUCT THE DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH  
14 SERVICES, PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, AND MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH  
15 THEIR ACTIVE LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION ON THE CHILDREN'S  
16 HEALTH INITIATIVE COALITION TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A HEALTH  
17 ACCESS BLUEPRINT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
18 THAT WILL, ONE, ACHIEVE LONG-TERM UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE;  
19 TWO, ENSURE CONTINUOUS HEALTH COVERAGE SO THAT THE NUMBER OF  
20 CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE DECLINES BY 25%;  
21 AND, FINALLY, TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE SERVICES  
22 SO THAT THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH A  
23 REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE WILL INCREASE. THANK YOU.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.





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2 **JACQUELYN MCCROSKEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JACQUELYN MCCROSKEY.  
3 I'M A PROFESSOR AT U.S.C. IN THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND, BY  
4 THE WAY, IN ORDER TO BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON, I BROUGHT WITH ME  
5 MY CLASS OF GRADUATE MSW STUDENTS WHO ARE STUDYING SOCIAL  
6 POLICY, YOU GUYS SHOULD WAVE NOW, SO THEY COULD SEE THE  
7 PROCESS IN ACTION. THE SAFE, STABLE...

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, EXCUSE ME, JACQUELYN MCCROSKEY.  
10 COULD I -- IS SHE A GOOD PROFESSOR? GOOD ANSWER. ALL RIGHT.  
11 THANK YOU. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU DIDN'T THINK I WOULDN'T ASK, DID YOU?

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15 **JACQUELYN MCCROSKEY:** NO. [LAUGHTER] NO, THAT DIDN'T OCCUR TO  
16 ME. THE SAFE, STABLE AND NURTURING FAMILIES WORK GROUP WAS CO-  
17 CHAIRED BY DR. DAVID SANDERS, MARLENE SINGER, WHO IS A  
18 CONVENER IN SPA 5, AND MYSELF. CLEARLY, WE KNOW THAT, IN  
19 ADDITION TO SAFETY AND PERMANENCE, THE RELATIONSHIPS AND  
20 EMOTIONAL CONNECT-- TIES FORMED BY CHILDREN IN NURTURING  
21 FAMILIES ARE CRITICAL TO THEIR WELL- BEING AND TO THEIR  
22 DEVELOPMENT. TO ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL, CHILDREN NEED WARM  
23 AND SECURE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PARENTS AND OTHER CAREGIVERS, AS  
24 WE JUST HAD A DISCUSSION OF, SUPERVISOR MOLINA BROUGHT UP IN  
25 REGARDS TO THE LAST MOTION. AND IT'S THESE RELATIONSHIPS THAT



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1 SET THE STAGE FOR HOW CHILDREN DEVELOP AND HOW THEY INTERACT  
2 WITH OTHERS AND ALSO THEIR LONG-TERM TRAJECTORY. ACCORDING TO  
3 THE CHILDREN'S SCORE CARD, IN 1999, THERE WERE OVER 48,000  
4 CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT. WE  
5 KNOW THE NUMBER IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN THAT NOW BUT  
6 THERE'S STILL WAY TOO MANY CHILDREN IN L.A. WHO DON'T HAVE  
7 SAFE, STABLE, AND NURTURING FAMILIES. THE DISPROPORTIONATE  
8 RATE OF CHILDREN OF COLOR WHO ENTER INTO FOSTER CARE IS ALSO  
9 DEEPLY TROUBLING. AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN REPRESENT ABOUT  
10 43% OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM BUT ONLY 9% OF THE POPULATION.  
11 AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN ARE ALSO DISPROPORTIONATELY  
12 REPRESENTED IN FOSTER CARE AND WE ARE SEEING TRENDS AMONG  
13 LATINO CHILDREN THAT PRESAGE SIMILAR INCREASES. WE ARE ALSO  
14 CONCERNED ABOUT THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT IT TAKES TO SAFELY  
15 REUNIFY CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH THEIR FAMILIES. IN LOS  
16 ANGELES, THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF TIME TO REUNIFICATION IS 24  
17 MONTHS, WHICH IS TWICE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THESE  
18 RECOMMENDATIONS ADDRESS THESE CRITICAL ISSUES BY DEVELOPING  
19 COMMUNITY-WIDE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN D.C.F.S., ALLIED COUNTY  
20 DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS AND KEY COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS. SO  
21 RECOMMENDATION NUMBER FOUR FOCUSES ON PREVENTION AS WELL AS  
22 ELIMINATING BIAS AND INEQUITY IN THE SYSTEM. THE  
23 RECOMMENDATION ASKS YOU TO INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF D.C.F.S.,  
24 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES,  
25 TO WORK WITH A VERY BROAD RANGE OF COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO



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1 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PREVENTION-ORIENTED PLAN WHICH WOULD  
2 ADDRESS BOTH MAKING PREVENTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS AVAILABLE  
3 TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL AS DECREASING THE  
4 DISPROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN OF COLOR WHO COME  
5 INTO FOSTER CARE AND INTO THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. THE  
6 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN WOULD INCLUDE THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION  
7 OF THE C.A.O., MANY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS, AS  
8 WELL AS KEY STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE JUSTICE COMMUNITY, ADVOCACY  
9 GROUPS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. WE SUGGEST THAT THIS PLAN  
10 BE DUE IN 120 DAYS AND THAT IT INCLUDE VERY SPECIFIC GOALS AND  
11 PERFORMANCE MEASURES. IT SHOULD BUILD ON THE COMPTON PROJECT,  
12 THE PILOT WORK THAT'S GOING ON IN COMPTON, WHERE APPROPRIATE,  
13 AND IT SHOULD INCLUDE STRATEGIES TO, NUMBER ONE, PROMOTE THE  
14 ABILITY OF FAMILIES TO ACT ON THEIR OWN BEHALF, INCLUDING  
15 EXPANDED DECISION-MAKING POWERS. NUMBER TWO, MAKE POLICY  
16 CHANGES AT LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEVELS THAT INCLUDE  
17 FLEXIBILITY OF FUNDS AND REINVESTMENT ACROSS FUNDING STREAMS  
18 FOR PREVENTION-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES. WE SUPPORT THE CURRENT  
19 PLANNING EFFORTS GOING ON BY THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS PARTNERS  
20 IN TERMS OF THE FEDERAL 4-E WAIVER TOWARDS THIS END. AND,  
21 NUMBER THREE, TO INTEGRATE THE FAMILY-CENTERED PROGRAMS THAT  
22 ARE NOW OFFERED BY MULTIPLE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER  
23 COMMUNITY PARTNERS INTO A PRACTICAL CONTINUUM OF FAMILY-  
24 CENTERED SERVICES. THE FIFTH RECOMMENDATION FOCUSES ON MORE  
25 TIMELY AND SAFE REUNIFICATION. WE ASK YOU TO INSTRUCT THE



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1 D.C.F.S. DIRECTOR TO LEAD A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO  
2 SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE THE AVERAGE TIME FOR SAFE REUNIFICATION  
3 OF CHILDREN WITH THEIR FAMILIES. THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN,  
4 WHICH WOULD BE DUE IN 60 DAYS, WITH SPECIFIC GOALS AND  
5 PERFORMANCE MEASURES, WOULD INCLUDE STRATEGIES FOR ENGAGING  
6 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND RESIDENTS IN CAPACITY-  
7 BUILDING EFFORTS, MAKING CHANGES IN EXISTING POLICIES AND  
8 PROCEDURES THAT INADVERTENTLY HINDER SAFE, TIMELY  
9 REUNIFICATION, ESTABLISH PRACTICE GUIDELINES, INCLUDING THE  
10 USE OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS IN DECISION-MAKING WITHIN AND  
11 ACROSS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES, COMMUNITY  
12 PARTNERS, AND RELEVANT ADVISOR GROUPS. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE  
13 SERVICES OFFERED BY OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS D.P.S.S.,  
14 THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE COUNTY HEALTH  
15 DEPARTMENT, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OFFERED BY MENTAL HEALTH,  
16 ET CETERA, WHICH COULD MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF  
17 REUNIFYING CHILDREN WITH THEIR FAMILIES. AND THIS PLAN WOULD  
18 ALSO HAVE STRATEGIES TO LEVERAGE AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO REALLY  
19 SUPPORT THE GOAL OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION. THE SIXTH  
20 RECOMMENDATION HAS TO DO WITH PERMANENCY, AND WE ASK YOU TO  
21 INSTRUCT THE D.C.F.S. DIRECTOR AND THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER  
22 TO LEAD A SIMILAR COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH OTHER KEY  
23 STAKEHOLDERS TO DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES FOR A  
24 CHILD TO BE LEGALLY ADOPTED, INCREASING SIGNIFICANTLY THE  
25 PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER YOUTH, AGE 14 AND OLDER, WHO LEAVE THE



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1 SYSTEM WITH PERMANENT FAMILIES, ADOPTIVE FAMILIES, AS WELL AS  
2 WITH STRONG, ENDURING TIES TO OTHER NURTURING ADULTS. THIS  
3 EFFORT WOULD BE DEFINED IN AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WHICH WOULD  
4 COME BACK TO YOU IN 60 DAYS WITH SPECIFIC GOALS AND  
5 PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND WOULD INCLUDE A BROAD RANGE OF  
6 STRATEGIES TO REALLY IMPLEMENT THE THINGS THAT WE KNOW ARE  
7 NECESSARY IN ORDER TO CREATE PERMANENCY FOR THESE CHILDREN AND  
8 YOUTH.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NANCY?

11

12 **NANCY AU:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M NANCY AU AND I WAS A MEMBER OF  
13 THE E.I.T.C., OR EARNED INCOME TAX WORK CREDIT GROUP. THE  
14 EARNED INCOME TAX WORK GROUP -- EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT WORK  
15 CREDIT GROUP WAS CO-CHAIRLED BY PHIL AND SYL ON BEHALF OF THE  
16 DIRECTOR OF THE -- OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES,  
17 BEATRICE OLVERA STOTSER, COUNCIL MEMBER, AS THE LATINO  
18 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE, AND MYSELF, A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL  
19 REPRESENTING THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY. FOR  
20 THIS AREA, WE WERE CLEARLY TRYING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF  
21 POVERTY. WE IDENTIFIED THAT THE E.I.T.C., OR THE EARNED INCOME  
22 TAX CREDIT, AS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR  
23 BRINGING FAMILIES ABOVE THE POVERTY LEVEL. ESSENTIALLY, IT IS  
24 PUTTING CASH IN THE POCKETS OF FAMILIES. IN L.A. COUNTY, THE  
25 I.R.S. ESTIMATES THAT APPROXIMATELY 75,000 FAMILIES WITH



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1 CHILDREN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR E.I.T.C. DID NOT CLAIM IT IN  
2 2002. WE BELIEVE THAT AN AGGRESSIVE OUTREACH CAMPAIGN CAN  
3 RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL 20,000 FAMILIES CLAIMING E.I.T.C. THAT  
4 COULD RESULT IN AN AVERAGE RETURN RANGING FROM \$1,425 TO  
5 \$2,000 OR A CUMULATIVE INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$28.5 MILLION  
6 TO \$40 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL INCOME FOR WORKING LOW-INCOME  
7 FAMILIES IN L.A. COUNTY AND TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY.  
8 RECOMMENDATION 7 RELATES TO RESOURCES TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.  
9 INSTRUCT THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE JUNE 2004 CALWORKS  
10 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE FUNDING RECOMMENDATION STAKEHOLDER  
11 PROCESS TO CONSIDER FUNDING FOR E.I.T.C. OUTREACH AND  
12 MARKETING. VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE, OR VITA SITES.  
13 STAFF SUPPORTS FOR L.A. E.I.T.C. CAMPAIGN PARTNERSHIP, AND/OR  
14 OTHER ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE UTILIZATION OF THE FEDERAL EARNED  
15 INCOME TAX CREDIT. THE STAKEHOLDER GROUPS WERE POLLED PRIOR TO  
16 THIS RECOMMENDATION BEING OFFERED AND ALL OF THEM SAID THEY  
17 WOULD BE OPEN TO CONSIDERING IT IN THE PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE  
18 FUNDING PROCESS. RECOMMENDATION 8 FOCUSES ON COUNTY LEADERSHIP  
19 AND STAFF SUPPORT. SUPPORT AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE  
20 L.A. E.I.T.C. CAMPAIGN PARTNERSHIP BY INSTRUCTING THE  
21 DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE  
22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES TO RECOMMEND --  
23 REPRESENT THE COUNTY ON THE CAMPAIGN PARTNERSHIP AND  
24 REQUESTING THAT THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL TO PROVIDE  
25 STAFF SUPPORT TO THE CAMPAIGN PARTNERSHIP, SUBJECT TO



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1 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING, OF COURSE, AND TO ENGAGE THE  
2 COOPERATION OF THE SPA E.I.C. COUNCILS IN ACHIEVING THE GOAL.  
3 RECOMMENDATION 9 RELATES TO THE PROMOTION OF E.I.T.C. INSTRUCT  
4 THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TO  
5 INTEGRATE PROMOTION OF THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT,  
6 E.I.T.C., INTO THE FULL RANGE OF THE COUNTY'S FOOD STAMPS AND  
7 MEDI-CAL OUTREACH AND RETENTION ACTIVITIES. THANK YOU.

8

9 **JACQUELYN MCCROSKEY:** THANK YOU, NANCY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST ADD ONE THING, NANCY, AND  
12 I'VE DONE SEVERAL MOTIONS ON THIS EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND  
13 I'M REALLY GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU ALL MADE THAT A PRIORITY  
14 BECAUSE IT'S REALLY SIGNIFICANT, SO...

15

16 **NANCY AU:** YES.

17

18 **JACQUELYN MCCROSKEY:** LET ME JUST QUICKLY WRAP UP. TO ASSURE  
19 THAT THE GOALS ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO  
20 IMPROVE THE WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THAT THE  
21 BOARD IS REGULARLY INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING THE  
22 RECOMMENDATIONS, WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT WE INCLUDE OUR  
23 THREE GOALS INTO THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN, AND WE'VE HAD  
24 CONVERSATIONS WITH DAVID ABOUT THIS, AND THAT WE INSTRUCT THE  
25 C.A.O., IN COORDINATION WITH THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL,





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1 D.C.F.S., CAL PROBATION AND PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TO REPORT  
2 BACK TO THE BOARD EVERY SIX MONTHS FOR THE NEXT 18 MONTHS  
3 REGARDING PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. WE ARE  
4 PLEASED WITH THE LEAD DEPARTMENT'S LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT AND  
5 COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS,  
6 BEGINNING WITH THE LEADERSHIP SHOWN BY THE DEPARTMENT HEADS.  
7 WE ARE ALSO GRATIFIED TO SEE THE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL HELP TO  
8 STRENGTHEN THE STRATEGIC ALLIANCES BETWEEN THE COUNTY, THE  
9 PRIVATE SECTOR, AND THE COMMUNITY. THE KEY STRATEGIC ALLIANCES  
10 THAT WE WILL BE COUNTING ON AND WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN WITH US  
11 AT THE TABLE INCLUDE, FOR HEALTH, THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH  
12 INITIATIVE COALITION THAT HAS COME TOGETHER THROUGH THE  
13 LEADERSHIP OF L.A. CARE, THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, AND THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND THROUGH WHICH UNIHEALTH  
15 FOUNDATION HAS STEPPED FORWARD TO HELP FUND THE REQUIREMENTS  
16 ANALYSIS FOR THE ONE EAP RECOMMENDATION. ANOTHER KEY PARTNER  
17 WILL BE FIRST FIVE. IN TERMS OF SAFE, STABLE, NURTURING  
18 FAMILIES, OF COURSE, D.C.F.S. AND OUR MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS  
19 WILL BE ESSENTIAL AND HAVE STEPPED UP TO BE A STRATEGIC  
20 PARTNER AND, WITH E.I.T.C., THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND UNITED  
21 WAY HAVE JOINED US AS WELL. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
22 PRESENT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO  
23 RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS. WE ALSO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE WORK  
24 GROUPS HERE AND, IN PARTICULAR, SOME KEY LEADERS FROM THE



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1 CHILDREN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE WHO WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER  
2 ANY QUESTIONS AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FIRST OF ALL, BEFORE WE-- I DON'T KNOW IF  
5 ANY OF THE MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT  
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS AN AMENDMENT AS WELL, TOO, BUT I  
7 JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. THERE'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT  
8 OF WORK DONE ON THIS AND IT REALLY IS RAISING THE BAR AS TO  
9 HOW SERVICES ARE BEING DELIVERED TO CHILDREN AND I WANT TO  
10 THANK YOU FOR THAT. EVEN THOUGH OUR BUDGETARY TIMES ARE RATHER  
11 CHALLENGING AND UNIQUE RIGHT NOW, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE DON'T  
12 LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO FOR OUR CHILDREN. IT'S ALSO  
13 IMPORTANT WE DON'T LOSE THE MOMENTUM THAT YOU ALL HAVE STARTED  
14 AND CONTINUE TO WORK WITH- WITH ALL THE COMMUNITY-BASED  
15 ORGANIZATIONS, TOO. SO I JUST WANT TO COMMEND ALL THE MEMBERS  
16 FOR AN OUTSTANDING REPORT AND THE CONCLUSIONS AND  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS, I THINK, ARE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT AS WE MOVE  
18 FORWARD AND AS WE SORT OF FIGHT THROUGH ALL THE BUDGETARY  
19 BATTLES THAT WE HAVE TO DO IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS OR A YEAR.

20

21 **JACQUELYN MCCROSKEY:** YEAH, I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T THANK  
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN ASKING US TO DO  
23 THIS WORK. IT PRESENTED A VERY IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR US  
24 AND SO WE THANK YOU AGAIN.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** \_\_\_\_\_ WAS HERE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

4    WHEN I WAS HERE WORKING AND SHE WAS HERE, SHE CAME HERE

5    WORKING YESTERDAY AND I CONGRATULATE HER FOR HER HARD WORK

6    EVEN ON A DAY OFF. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO I HAVE THE

7    MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE

8    FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN'S

9    PLANNING COUNCIL AND TO INCLUDE THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY

10    HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES, FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER

11    KEY STAKEHOLDERS WHEN IMPLEMENTING THEIR PLAN TO IMPROVE THE

12    PLIGHT OF THE CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY.

13

14    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SIR, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. ANY

15    FURTHER DISCUSSION? ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

16

17    **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

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19    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

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21    **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION. I'M JUST CONTINUING

22    THE ITEM ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

23

24    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S RIGHT. THE ITEM IS

25    BEFORE US. SO WE'LL CONTINUE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TWO WEEKS



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1 AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. ANY OBJECTION TO  
2 THAT OR...?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** WOULD YOU LIKE ONE? [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'VE BEEN RATHER... NEVER MIND. NO, NO.  
7 YEAH, I'M GOING TO HAUL SOME WATER IN FOR YOU, ZEV. [LAUGHTER]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ANYWAY, WE WILL -- THANKS TO YOU ALL,  
10 AGAIN, AND WE WILL CONTINUE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TWO WEEKS,  
11 AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. THANK YOU AGAIN.  
12 AND APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I ALSO WANT TO JUST TAKE THE  
15 OPPORTUNITY, AS LONG AS THE STUDENTS FROM U.S.C. ARE HERE,  
16 EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE FROM U.S.C... [LAUGHTER]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HE'S A GUTTY LITTLE BRUIN.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AM. VERY LITTLE THESE DAYS BUT I DO WANT  
21 TO COMMEND THEM FOR TAKING ON AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THAT WILL  
22 LEAD THEM INTO THE PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER IF THAT'S WHERE  
23 THEY'RE GOING. THIS IS A REALLY NOBLE CALLING AND WE ARE IN  
24 SHORT SUPPLY OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES AND WE WISH YOU WELL  
25 AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU COME WORK FOR US.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE. OKAY.  
3 WE'LL GO BACK TO THE AGENDA. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE  
4 STILL UP.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, IS IT STILL JANUARY 20TH? MR. CHAIRMAN,  
7 I APPRECIATE THAT. I WAS HOLDING...

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AN ITEM ON THE M.T.A. AGENDA? [LAUGHTER]  
10 THAT WAS A JOKE. THAT WAS A JOKE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. JUST LET ME CATCH UP HERE. HOW ABOUT 3  
13 AND 8? LET'S TAKE UP 3. MR. ANTONOVICH HELD NUMBER 3.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D ASK MR. JANSSEN...

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FULLENWIDER?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KNOW, WELL, I HAD ASKED THAT ONE OF THE ITEMS  
20 BE REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION. SUPERVISOR MOLINA WENT-- WAS  
21 HEARD HER FIRST SO COULD...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, SHE HAS AN AMENDMENT TO THAT  
24 PARTICULAR ITEM. WE WILL MOVE ON THAT WHEN WE GET TO THAT.

25



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION IS, WHY SHOULDN'T WE NOT INCLUDE  
2   THE EVALUATION OF OTHER QUALIFIED COMPANIES SO WE CAN LOOK AT  
3   ALL OF THE VARIOUS COMPANIES AND THEN COME UP WITH THE BEST  
4   ONE? INSTEAD OF JUST PRECLUDING IT AND JUST SINGLE SOURCE.

5

6   **JON FULLENWIDER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MY NAME IS JOHN FULLENWIDER.  
7   I'M THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY. SUPERVISOR  
8   ANTONOVICH, IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. WHAT THIS MOTION BEFORE YOU  
9   IS IT BASICALLY ALLOWS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS A PRODUCT  
10   THAT THE CANDLE CORPORATION HAS DEVELOPED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE  
11   AGGREGATION OF EVENT INFORMATION. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THEY'RE THE  
12   ONLY COMPANY THAT HAS EMBARKED IN DEVELOPING A SYSTEM LIKE  
13   THIS. THE CITY OF YORK IS CURRENTLY UTILIZING THIS, AS ARE  
14   SEVERAL OTHER MUNICIPALITIES. THIS MOTION DOESN'T COMMIT THE  
15   COUNTY MUCH TO ANYTHING OTHER THAN SAYING LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT  
16   THEIR SYSTEM IN TERMS OF THE SYSTEMS THAT THE COUNTY CURRENTLY  
17   HAS AND TRY TO ASSESS ITS VIABILITY IN TERMS OF BENEFIT TO THE  
18   REGION, TO THE COUNTY AND THEN COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH A  
19   RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE FEEL IT'S IN THE BEST  
20   INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY TO PROCEED. ONE OF THE OPTIONS AT THAT  
21   POINT IN TIME WOULD BE TO ASSESS WHETHER OR NOT THE COUNTY  
22   WANTED TO PURSUE AN ENGAGEMENT WITH THE CANDLE CORPORATION OR  
23   BASICALLY LOOK IN AND OPEN IT UP FOR A COMPETITIVE  
24   SOLICITATION. BUT, AS I INDICATED, RIGHT NOW, I'M NOT AWARE OF



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1 ANY OTHER COMPANY THAT IS DOING WHAT THE CANDLE CORPORATION IS  
2 DOING.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THIS IS SPECIFIC TO THE ANALYSIS OF THE  
5 PROGRAM IN NEW YORK AND THE SAFETY AGENCIES SO IT'S REALLY A  
6 REPORT BACK, I MEAN, THAT'S...

7

8 **JON FULLENWIDER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF WE TOOK THE SECOND STEP, I WOULD  
11 SUPPORT THAT WE WOULD HAVE AN R.F.P.-TYPE PROCESS WHERE THERE  
12 COULD BE OTHER FIRMS THAT WE'RE NOT AWARE OF THAT ARE OUT  
13 THERE THAT OUGHT TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO COMPETE.

14

15 **JON FULLENWIDER:** AND WE COULD CERTAINLY DO THAT, ABSOLUTELY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE THAT, WHATEVER,  
18 THAT WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT OTHERS. THIS IS JUST ONE BUT WE'RE  
19 OPEN TO ANALYZING OTHERS AS WELL.

20

21 **JON FULLENWIDER:** THAT'S CORRECT. WE WOULD CERTAINLY BE OPEN TO  
22 THAT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'LL MOVE THE ITEM.

25





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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON. I HAD A SIMILAR QUESTION, IF I CAN,  
2   MR. CHAIRMAN?

3

4   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SURE.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE PROBLEM WITH WHAT YOU SAID IS THAT IT  
7   DIFFERS FROM WHAT THE MOTION SAYS. SO I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR  
8   AND PERHAPS, IF EVERYBODY'S IN AGREEMENT ON WHAT YOU'RE  
9   SAYING, PERHAPS THE MOTION CAN BE JUST MODIFIED SO THAT THE  
10   WRITTEN RECORD OF WHAT WE'RE DOING COMPORTS TO WHAT OUR  
11   UNDERSTANDING IS. WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST IS, IN THE MOTION PART  
12   OF THIS, THAT REQUIRED TO ASSIST THE THE CANDLE CORPORATION  
13   SUPPORT SYSTEM OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE SYSTEM, ALL RIGHT, IF  
14   THERE ISN'T ANY, THERE ISN'T ANY BUT AT LEAST YOU'RE REQUIRED  
15   TO GO OUT AND MAKE THAT DETERMINATION, OR ANY -- AND I'M JUST  
16   THINKING OUT LOUD, ANY OTHER APPLICABLE SYSTEM. AND THEN, IN  
17   THE SECOND PART, I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE C.I.O. RETURN IN 90  
18   DAYS WITH A REPORT DELINEATING THE BENEFITS [INAUDIBLE]  
19   REQUIREMENT FOR NON-COUNTY PROPERTY [INAUDIBLE] THAT WOULD  
20   NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN DEVELOPING A CONTRACT WITH THE CANDLE  
21   CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER COMPANY.

22

23   **JON FULLENWIDER:** WE CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT.

24

25   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. DO YOU HAVE AN OBJECTION?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, NOT AT ALL. I MEAN, THAT, CLEARLY, WAS  
3 MY UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE THIS WHOLE PROGRAM CAME TO US THROUGH  
4 MR. FULLENWIDER AND ALSO IT IS THE ONLY PROGRAM THAT WE'RE  
5 AWARE OF AND I KNOW, THROUGH THE HOMELAND SECURITY ISSUES THAT  
6 WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH, THAT [INAUDIBLE] BUT I MEAN, CLEARLY,  
7 THERE'S A REPORT BACK TO NOT ONLY ANALYZE WHAT THAT IS, SEE IF  
8 WE CAN IMPROVE IT, IF WE CAN GO OUT, SO I DON'T HAVE ANY  
9 PROBLEMS WITH THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE ARE GOING TO BE TWO ISSUES: ONE IS  
12 WHETHER WE SHOULD DO IT AT ALL AND, TWO, WITH WHOM, WHETHER WE  
13 CAN AFFORD IT AND ALL THAT SORT OF THING.. THAT WILL BE A  
14 REPORT BACK.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO I'LL MOVE IT AS AMENDED. SUPERVISOR  
17 YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **JON FULLENWIDER:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS HOLDING ITEM 8 ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR  
22 ANTONOVICH. I'LL YIELD TO HIM. IT WAS HIS ORIGINAL MOTION.

23



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE -- I THINK WE HAD THAT INFORMATION FROM  
2   THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, WHICH HAD THAT AMENDMENT THAT WAS READ  
3   TODAY, SO...

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I JUST WANTED -- I THINK I'M OKAY  
6   WITH THAT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT DUPLICATING  
7   WORK FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY OPERATION HERE. THERE ARE A NUMBER  
8   OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE AUDITOR-  
9   CONTROLLER AND I GATHER THE RECOMMENDATION BEFORE US IS TO  
10  APPROVE THOSE -- THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.  
11  THAT'S THE ORIGINAL REPORT. IS THAT CORRECT? MR. JANSSEN?  
12  ANYBODY? ACTUALLY, THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS MR. ANTONOVICH'S.

13

14  **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS MR.  
15  ANTONOVICH'S TO BRING IN THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY  
16  COMMISSION TO...

17

18  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS -- MIKE, WHAT IS THE QUALITY AND  
19  PRODUCTIVITY -- UNDER YOUR MOTION NOW, YOUR AMENDMENT, WHAT IS  
20  THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION GOING TO BE DOING?

21

22  **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS THEIR BYLAWS STATE, IN NUMBER "A," PROVIDE  
23  IMPLEMENTATION OR RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE  
24  PRODUCTIVITY, QUALITY OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT



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1 HEADS AND MANAGERS. THAT IS TO MAKE REVIEW AND SOME  
2 SUGGESTIONS HOW THEY CAN REDUCE SOME OF THEIR...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. BUT ARE THEY GOING TO BE ASKED TO GO  
5 OVER THE SAME GROUND THAT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GO OVER THE SAME  
8 GROUND...

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO BE DOING?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUILD UPON THAT AND HAVE THE ABILITY -- THE  
13 REASON WE STARTED THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IS TO HAVE  
14 THAT TYPE OF INPUT THAT THOSE MEMBERS HAVE FROM THAT  
15 COMMISSION TO INTERFACE AND COME UP WITH SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT  
16 SAYS, YOU KNOW, YOU SEE EACH YEAR WE GIVE THE AWARDS ON HOW  
17 THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS...

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW. SO ARE THEY GOING TO BE LOOKING AT  
20 ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR DID AND SEE  
21 IF THEY CAN BUILD ON THEM OR ARE THEY...?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M ONLY RESTRICTING IT TO THOSE THREE AREAS  
24 BUT THEY CAN ON THE OTHER ONES AS WELL. THAT'S NOT A...

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THOSE ARE THREE BIG AREAS. MY CONCERN, AND  
2   MAYBE THERE'S AN ANSWER TO THIS, IS THAT AS LONG AS THE  
3   QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION IS LOOKING AT THINGS THAT  
4   THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAS ALREADY DONE AND THAT WE WANT HIM  
5   TO START -- AND WE WANT THE DEPARTMENTS TO START IMPLEMENTING,  
6   AS LONG AS THERE'S SOME-- THAT QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY IS  
7   LOOKING AT IT, I'M CONCERNED THAT THE DEPARTMENTS WILL HAVE AN  
8   EXCUSE NOT TO IMPLEMENT BECAUSE-- UNTIL THE QUALITY AND  
9   PRODUCTIVE COMMISSION REVIEW IS DONE. AND I'M ESPECIALLY --  
10   ONE OF THE THINGS -- I THINK ONE OF YOUR AREAS IS THE  
11   SHERIFF'S OVERTIME AND THAT'S -- ACTUALLY, I THINK THE SHERIFF  
12   HIMSELF HAS ALREADY DONE QUITE A BIT ON THE OVERTIME FRONT  
13   AND...

14  
15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THE COST, WHICH IS A BIG  
16   DRAIN ON THE DEPARTMENT, AND WE NEED A LOT OF ADDITIONAL  
17   CHANGES AND REFORMS TO BRING THAT OVERTIME BACK INTO AN  
18   AFFORDABLE PROPOSITION BECAUSE SOME OF THOSE DOLLARS WE SAVE  
19   CAN BE USED TO IMPROVE SERVICES.

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21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT. BUT HE'S CUT QUITE A BIT OF THE  
22   OVERTIME EXPENDITURES THIS YEAR, I BELIEVE.

23  
24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL...

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I MEAN, I DON'T HAVE...

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S ONGOING.

4

5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO, I MEAN, I DON'T HAVE A  
6    PROBLEM...

7

8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY'RE JUST INTERFACING WITH THE  
9    PUBLIC/PRIVATE MEMBERS OF THAT COMMISSION WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
10   IN ORDER TO COME UP WITH A BETTER DESIGN OPERATION, JUST AS WE  
11   AWARD EACH DEPARTMENT EACH YEAR A CERTIFICATE FOR MEETING  
12   THOSE GOALS THAT THEY FIND WILL ENHANCE THE PRODUCTIVITY AND  
13   COST SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY.

14

15   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, I'M LOOKING AT  
16   NUMBER -- NUMBER 2 AND NUMBER 3 OF THE LIST AND THE MAGNITUDE  
17   OF THE REQUEST. BILLING AND COLLECTION PROCESS WITHIN THE  
18   DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS NOT A MINOR UNDERTAKING. IT  
19   SEEMS TO ME IT'S A HUGE UNDERTAKING. FINANCIAL REVIEW OF THE  
20   COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, IT'S NOT A BIG OPERATION. I'M NOT SURE  
21   HOW MUCH TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED BUT I'M WONDERING WHO EXACTLY  
22   IS GOING TO BE DOING THE WORK AND-- IN THE QUALITY AND  
23   PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION. I MEAN, THESE ARE THE KIND OF REPORTS  
24   THAT, HISTORICALLY, AT LEAST FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS, THAT  
25   THE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMISSION HAS DONE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THAT'S NOT TRUE BECAUSE, IF YOU  
3 REMEMBER ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO OR THREE YEARS AGO, THE TOP  
4 RECIPIENT FOR THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION WAS A BILLING  
5 OPERATION WITH MEDI-CAL.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT ALL THEY DID WAS REVIEW THE...

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY ALSO CAME UP -- AND THAT WAS THE TOP  
10 RECIPIENT FOR THAT YEAR. SO THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. ON  
11 ANOTHER ISSUE, IF YOU WANT TO GO INTO THE BILLING, WE KNOW WE  
12 HAVE A DEPLORABLE SITUATION IN THE COLLECTION OF BILLS AT OUR  
13 MEDICAL SERVICES.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I'M NOT DISAGREEING WITH ANY OF THAT. I'M JUST  
16 NOT SURE THEY HAVE THE EXPERTISE TO DO THAT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO IMPROVE  
19 THAT EFFICIENCY AND HERE YOU HAVE A PUBLIC/PRIVATE OPERATION  
20 WITH PEOPLE FROM SCHOOLS OF BUSINESS THAT ARE PART OF THE  
21 OPERATION GIVING A REVIEW AND SOME RECOMMENDATIONS. AND, TO  
22 ENHANCE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE OUR SYSTEM, OUGHT TO  
23 BE THE BASIS OF THAT COMMITTEE AND THAT'S WHY THE BYLAWS  
24 SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M JUST -- I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE A -- I  
2    HAVE A -- JUST A -- TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW  
3    HOW MUCH -- WHAT CAPACITY ANY OF OUR FOLKS HAVE TO DO ALL OF  
4    THESE THINGS. AND, WHEN YOU ASK THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO DO A  
5    REPORT ON SOMETHING, HE COMES IN WITH A REPORT, HE HAS A SLEW  
6    OF RECOMMENDATIONS, DEPARTMENTS ARE READY TO GO AND IMPLEMENT  
7    THEM, AND THEN -- I'M NOT ARGUING THAT THAT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA  
8    ON PAPER, IN THEORY, TO HAVE THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY  
9    COMMISSION PUT THEIR TWO CENTS IN BUT THEIR TWO CENTS IS NOT  
10   GOING TO BE TWO CENTS. THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HIRE A  
11   CONSULTANT ON THE HEALTH BILLING ESPECIALLY AND IT'S GOING TO  
12   DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE READY  
13   TO BE IMPLEMENTED. AND I THOUGHT WHAT WE WANTED TO DO WAS TO  
14   GO AHEAD AND ASK THE DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE AUDITORS'  
15   RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE THINGS THAT ARE ALREADY RECOMMENDED ON  
16   THESE THINGS. DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, TYLER? MAYBE I'M  
17   CONFUSED ABOUT SOMETHING, BUT...

18

19    **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M TYLER MCCAULEY, AUDITOR-  
20   CONTROLLER. I COULD SUGGEST PROBABLY A COMPROMISE ON THIS. I  
21   WOULD LOVE TO SIT DOWN WITH THE COMMISSION AND TALK ABOUT THE  
22   WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN  
23   MADE AND ASK FOR THEIR INPUT FROM PRIVATE INDUSTRY'S  
24   STANDPOINT. AND, IF WE'VE MISSED SOMETHING, THAT WE MIGHT BE  
25   ABLE TO GAIN FROM THAT. AND SO I WOULD WELCOME THAT



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1 OPPORTUNITY. I DO AGREE THE AREAS HAVE BEEN GONE OVER BUT THE  
2 BILLING IS A BIG ISSUE, OVERTIME OF THE SHERIFF. WE'VE DONE  
3 OUR BEST. A PRIVATE FIRM DID HELP US WITH THE OVERTIME AND THE  
4 SHERIFF ALSO CAME UP WITH SIMILAR RECOMMENDATIONS. BUT I WOULD  
5 BE VERY HAPPY TO SIT DOWN WITH THE-- AND SELECT EXPERTISE OF  
6 THE COMMISSION TO SEE IF THEY COULD ADD TO WHAT WE'VE ALREADY  
7 DONE.

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S A GOOD START, RIGHT, AND IF IT DOESN'T  
10 WORK, WE CAN COME BACK AND ADDRESS IT AGAIN. GOOD SUGGESTION,  
11 TYLER.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
14 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DID YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS, ZEV?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW IF -- I DIDN'T BUT,  
21 AS I WAS LEAVING THE OFFICE TO COME DOWN HERE, I SAW ON THE  
22 NEWS THAT JERRY NACHMAN, WHO WAS A REPORTER FOR MS-NBC AND DID  
23 WORK HERE FOR A WHILE AT KCET FOR A SHORT TIME, CO-HOSTED LIFE  
24 AND TIMES, PASSED AWAY TODAY FROM CANCER. AND HE WAS REALLY  
25 QUITE WELL-KNOWN ON THE EAST COAST, IN NEW YORK CITY, WHERE HE



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1 SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER BUT A NUMBER OF US, I'M SURE, GOT  
2 INTERVIEWED BY HIM...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEP, ALL MEMBERS.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...WHEN HE WAS HERE AND I WOULD ASK THAT WE  
7 ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. THAT'S IT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. TODAY I MOVE THAT WE  
10 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF EDWARD DILORETO. ED IS A LONG-TIME  
11 DOWNEY RESIDENT AND BUSINESSMAN. HE WAS A FATHER OF ONE OF OUR  
12 MEMBERS OF OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM, JUDGE JOE DILORETO. PASSED  
13 AWAY QUIETLY AT HIS HOME AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS. HE WAS BORN IN  
14 ITALY IN 1913 AND LED A LONG LIFE AND PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
15 OF 90. JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, I WAS AT HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY  
16 CELEBRATION. AFTER WORLD WAR II, HE LEFT THE EAST COAST AND  
17 SETTLED IN CALIFORNIA, MAKING HIS HOME IN DOWNEY FOR OVER 50  
18 YEARS. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE BUILDING OF CASA ITALIANA  
19 AND THE VILLA SCALIBRINI, CENTERS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE  
20 ITALIAN CULTURE. HE ALSO FUNDED VILLA DILORETO, AN OVERSEAS  
21 EXTENSION PORTION OF PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY IN FLORENCE, ITALY.  
22 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JILL, HIS SON, JOSEPH, ERICK,  
23 DAUGHTERS ELIZABETH, KATHERINE, SUSAN, 15 GRANDCHILDREN AND  
24 FIVE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS A GREAT AMERICAN AND WILL BE  
25 MISSED BY ALL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HELEN HARRIS,



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1 A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
2 OF 82. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN HER DEATH BY HER HUSBAND OF 40  
3 YEARS, JOHN HARRIS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN,  
4 CATHERINE, GEORGE, JIM, HER NIECE, GINGER, SIX GRANDCHILDREN,  
5 FIVE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND WITH TWO MORE GREAT-  
6 GRANDCHILDREN ON THE WAY. MRS. HARRIS WAS A DEVOTED AND LOVING  
7 WIFE, MOTHER, AND GRANDMOTHER AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER  
8 FRIENDS AND FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUTH  
9 SHEFFIELD, WHO WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY IN  
10 THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. SHE WAS A 30-YEAR RESIDENT. SHE  
11 ENJOYED LEARNING NEW THINGS LIKE GENEALOGY, TO USE A COMPUTER.  
12 SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 92. SHE WAS THRILLED TO  
13 TEST DRIVE A NEW BMW AT THE AGE OF 87. HER SON-IN-LAW, DR.  
14 ROBERT SCHUMACHER, FORMER CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
15 COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF LONG BEACH SAID SHE BROKE THE RULES BY  
16 HAVING GOOD JUDGMENT, HAD AN EASY SMILE, AND WAS A BEAUTIFUL  
17 LADY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, MARTHA, SON-IN-LAW,  
18 ROBERT. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. FINALLY,  
19 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DOLORES CECILE WRIGHT, BELOVED MOTHER  
20 OF LIEUTENANT REGINALD WRIGHT AND SERGEANT GILES WRIGHT OF THE  
21 INDUSTRY SHERIFF'S STATION, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AFTER A  
22 BRIEF ILLNESS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS, REGINALD AND  
23 GILES. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY. SO  
24 ORDERED. I'M NOT SURE... ON ITEM 18, THE FEDERAL GOALS, I'VE  
25 ALREADY, ON ITEM 60, HAD CAST MY "NO" VOTE ON THAT BUT I HAD



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1 AN ADDITIONAL MOTION. I'M NOT SURE WHERE THAT IS. I'LL ASK MY  
2 STAFF. I DON'T HAVE A COPY OF IT HERE. IT'S NOT ATTACHED TO...  
3 CURRENTLY, THE COUNTY'S FEDERAL GOALS INCLUDE SUPPORT FOR  
4 INCREASED FUNDING TO IMPROVE SECURITY AT AIRPORTS, SEA PORTS,  
5 AND HARBORS. SPECIFICALLY, I WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY OF LOS  
6 ANGELES TO BE ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF THE MULTIYEAR FUNDING TO  
7 IMPROVE SECURITY AT OUR SEA PORTS AND HARBORS. UNLIKE OUR  
8 AIRPORTS, WHICH HAVE MULTIYEAR GRANT FUNDING FROM FEDERAL  
9 GOVERNMENT, THE SEA PORTS AND HARBORS RECEIVE ONLY ONE SINGLE  
10 YEAR FUNDING FOR THEIR AVAILABLE GRANTS. MULTIYEAR GRANT  
11 FUNDING WOULD ALLOW FOR LONG-TERM PLANNING AND WILL HELP TO  
12 ENHANCE OUR SECURITY AT OUR PORTS. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE  
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF MULTIYEAR FEDERAL  
14 GRANT FUNDING, IMPROVE SECURITY AT OUR SEA PORTS AND HARBORS  
15 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND INSTRUCT OUR WASHINGTON, D.C.  
16 ADVOCATES TO PURSUE LEGISLATION TO BE PART OF THAT FEDERAL  
17 AGENDA. THAT'S NOT JUST US BUT THAT'S COMING FROM ALL OVER THE  
18 NATION SO... AND, WITH THAT, I WOULD MOVE THE ITEM WITH THE  
19 VARIOUS VOTES THAT HAVE BEEN CAST IN MY AMENDMENT AND WITHOUT  
20 OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR BURKE SECONDED. ITEM NUMBER  
21 23 WAS HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. SHIRLEY CARNEY AND  
22 BARBARA JOHNSON. ARE THEY HERE? IS SHIRLEY CARNEY AND BARBARA-  
23 - SHIRLEY CARNEY AND BARBARA JOHNSON ARE NOT HERE.  
24  
25 **BARBARA JOHNSON:** [INAUDIBLE]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS ITEM. I WILL  
3 CALL THE ITEM YOU SIGNED UP FOR.

4

5 **BARBARA JOHNSON:** [INAUDIBLE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW THAT I HAVE ANYONE ON 18. NO.  
8 ITEM 23.

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10 **BARBARA JOHNSON:** [INAUDIBLE]

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WE DON'T HAVE YOUR CARD, I'M SORRY.

13

14 **BARBARA JOHNSON:** [INAUDIBLE]

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE UP FOR 24, BUT NOT 23. 26, EXCUSE  
17 ME. OKAY. WELL, COME FORWARD, THEN. AND WITHDRAW THE 26. OKAY.  
18 STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE.

19

20 **BARBARA JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS BARBARA JOHNSON.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

23

24 **BARBARA JOHNSON:** AND I WANTED TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 23 AND I  
25 THINK I MISUNDERSTOOD THE ITEM BUT IT WAS ABOUT APPROVING



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1 FUNDING FOR TRAINING FOR FAMILIES THAT RECEIVE FOSTER FAMILY -  
2 - FOSTER CHILDREN. IS THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** KINSHIP EDUCATION, YES.

5

6 **BARBARA JOHNSON:** WELL, I'M A VICTIM OF THE FOSTER FAMILIES --  
7 THE FOSTER DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOSTER  
8 CARE SYSTEM. MY CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY MISSING THROUGH AND BY  
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THESE  
10 PEOPLE HAVE HAD ALL SORTS OF FUNDING AND THE ONE THING THAT IS  
11 MISSING IS REUNIFICATION FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE PARENTS. AND  
12 I WAS ASKING MS.-- I BELIEVE IT IS -- BABARIAN, HOW IS IT I  
13 CAN WRITE A PROPOSAL THAT-- WHERE CHILDREN ARE REUNIFIED WITH  
14 FAMILY AND GET PROPER LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN THE CHILDREN'S  
15 COURT. THAT IS MY QUESTION. CAN ANYONE ANSWER THAT?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT  
18 VISIT WITH YOU IF IT'S IN REGARDS TO THIS PARTICULAR CASE  
19 RIGHT OVER HERE.

20

21 **BARBARA JOHNSON:** OKAY. SHE'LL ANSWER MY QUESTION?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. SHE'S FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

24

25 **BARBARA JOHNSON:** OKAY.





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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **BARBARA JOHNSON:** COULD I LEAVE NOW?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S UP TO YOU. IF YOU'RE FINISHED, YEAH.

7 THANK YOU, BARBARA.

8

9 **BARBARA JOHNSON:** OKAY.

10

11 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** I MET BARBARA ACTUALLY ALMOST A YEAR  
12 AGO AT EDELMAN AND I'D ALSO HOPED THAT SOMEONE COULD ANSWER  
13 HER QUESTION AND, IN ADDRESSING ITEM 23, I WOULD HOPE, AGAIN,  
14 THAT WE COULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALLOCATE MORE MONEY TOWARDS  
15 REUNIFYING THE FAMILIES AND NOT JUST ALLOCATING MONEY TO  
16 RELATIVE AND NON-RELATIVE EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS OR CARE  
17 PROVIDERS BECAUSE, AGAIN, THE FOCUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
18 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AGAIN, WHICH IS WITHIN YOUR  
19 JURISDICTION, IS TO REUNIFY FAMILIES. AND, AGAIN, THE FUNDING  
20 IS STILL AUGMENTED OR THERE'S STILL MORE FUNDING FOR PLACEMENT  
21 OF CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF THE HOMES. IT IS A BUSINESS AND I'D  
22 ALREADY USED, AS DOCUMENTATION, AS PROOF POSITIVE, A NUMBER OF  
23 ARTICLES THAT HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY TROY ANDERSON, AGAIN, "STUDY  
24 OF FOSTER CARE IN SHAMBLES", "CHILDREN ENDANGERED IN WASTEFUL,  
25 OVERBURDENED LOS ANGELES COUNTY SYSTEM", CASH CARE-- I MEAN,



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1 "FOSTER CARE, CASH COW", "PERVERSE INCENTIVE FACTOR REWARDS",  
2 "COUNTY FOR SWILLING SYSTEM". I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE BUT YOU  
3 STILL HAVEN'T ADDRESSED OR REMEDIED OR MADE ANY EFFORT TO  
4 REALLOCATE THE FUNDS TOWARDS REUNIFYING FAMILIES THAT COULD  
5 POSSIBLY BE REUNIFIED. INSTEAD, CHILDREN ARE BEING STILL TAKEN  
6 AND KEPT FROM BIOLOGICAL PARENTS, EVEN AFTER THEY'VE MET THE  
7 CRITERIA FOR REUNIFICATION. AGAIN, "MONEY FEEDS FOSTER  
8 SYSTEM", "MONEY MOTIVE IN FOSTER CARE SYSTEM", "HALF OF COUNTY  
9 PLACEMENTS UNNECESSARY, OFTEN DRIVEN BY DESIRE FOR FUNDING".  
10 CANDICE OWENS SPOKE AND ATTESTED AND CRIED ABOUT THIS LAST  
11 WEEK. STILL NOTHING DONE. "GOVERNMENT BONUSES, ACCELERATED  
12 OPTIONS", AND FINALLY, "INCENTIVES HURTING FOSTER SYSTEM".  
13 "CRITICS SAY BONUSES LEAD TO PUSH FOR REMOVING KIDS FROM  
14 FAMILIES". I'M NOT GOING TO CONTINUE APPEARING HERE, I MEAN,  
15 WHEN YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY NOT DOING ANYTHING TO REMEDY THE SYSTEM  
16 SO YOU'LL BE GLAD TO HEAR THAT, I'M SURE. BUT, JUST FOR THE  
17 RECORD, I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT THE CHILDREN THAT ARE  
18 REMOVED FROM FAMILIES ARE VERY DEEPLY WOUNDED. MANY OF THESE  
19 CHILDREN ARE UNNECESSARILY DRUGGED. SO HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BE  
20 ON YOUR CONSCIENCE. NOT ONLY ARE THEY DRUGGED, BUT WE FOUND  
21 OUT THAT IT'S STILL A HOAX. A LOT OF THEM ARE MISDIAGNOSED.  
22 MAYBE THEY NEED TO BE REUNIFIED WITH THEIR PARENTS. MAYBE THAT  
23 WOULD HELP IN ALLEVIATING SOME OF THE PAIN SUFFERED BY THE  
24 MOTHERS, THE FATHERS, AND THE CHILDREN. OF COURSE, THERE'S NOT  
25 AS MUCH MONEY GENERATED BECAUSE, IN THAT SYSTEM OF APARTHEID,



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1 OF BREAKING DOWN THE FAMILIES, WHICH IS, I THINK, THE PRIMARY  
2 GOAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, WOULD  
3 NOT BE MET. AGAIN, MORE CHILDREN DIE IN CHILD PROTECTIVE  
4 SERVICES THAN IN BIOLOGICAL HOMES. IT'S BEEN PROVEN AND ALSO  
5 DOCUMENTED IN THESE ARTICLES. HOPEFULLY, THAT WILL WEIGH ON  
6 YOUR CONSCIENCE WHEN YOU ARE PLACING CHILDREN IN HOMES WHERE  
7 THEY'RE BEING MOLESTED, RITUALISTICALLY SODOMIZED, BEATEN,  
8 OVERMEDICATED, ASPHYXIATED, AND ABUSED IN OTHER MATTERS. AND,  
9 LIKE I SAID, IN MANY CASES, THE CHILDREN DIE. IT APPEARS TO ME  
10 AS IF IT'S A GENOCIDE OF OUR CHILDREN BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF  
11 THEM ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN. FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO TESTIFY THAT  
12 MOST OF THE PARENTS WHO SEEK TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN AGAIN  
13 ARE FALSELY ACCUSED OF EITHER BEING PROBLEMATIC, TERRORISTS,  
14 COMMUNISTS, SUBVERSIVE, OR CRAZY. AND THIS IS NOT TRUE. WE  
15 JUST SEEK TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN FROM THE PEDOPHILES, MANY OF  
16 WHOM ARE JUDGES, MILITARY, POLICE, DOCTORS, VERY WEALTHY  
17 PEOPLE WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO COVER UP THEIR MISTREATMENT  
18 AND ABUSE OF OUR CHILDREN.

19  
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21  
22 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** AND WE DEMAND THAT IT STOPS. [LIGHT  
23 APPLAUSE]



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR BURKE  
2   MOVES THE ITEM. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. WITHOUT  
3   OBJECTIONS, ITEM 23 IS PASSED. THEN 26 IS BEFORE US. THE CHAIR  
4   WILL MOVE IT. SUPERVISOR BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
5   ORDERED. 28. DID SOMEONE -- MR. BAXTER? YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY  
6   TODAY, PETER. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GAINED SUPPORT FROM  
7   MERRITT.

8

9   **PETER BAXTER:** THANK YOU.

10

11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

12

13   **PETER BAXTER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THAT WAS QUITE A  
14   SURPRISE. AND IF YOU'LL NOTICE, HE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT ABOUT  
15   THAT. HE HAS A GOOD GRASP OF WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING. THANK YOU  
16   FOR MENTIONING IT, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND HE DID IT FROM WHAT HE'D  
17   HEARD FROM ME BEFORE. MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE  
18   BOARD, MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER  
19   BAXTER, AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY  
20   SUBMITTED THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM ADDRESSES THE PROBLEM OF  
21   HAZARDOUS BRUSH FIRES. NO EFFORT IS MADE BY THE COUNTY FIRE  
22   DEPARTMENT TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY OWNER WHO IS THREATENED BY  
23   FIRE AND BRUSH EXCEPT AS THAT RESPONSE IS CONDUCTED BY USING  
24   WATER. NOTHING BURNS EXCEPT WHEN OXYGEN COMBINES WITH FUEL IN  
25   A PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL REACTION. TAKE AWAY OXYGEN AND NOTHING



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1 BURNS. NOTHING. NO MATTER HOW HOT THE ENVIRONMENT MAY BE,  
2 ABSOLUTELY NOTHING BURNS WITHOUT OXYGEN. SINCE NOTHING BURNS  
3 WITHOUT OXYGEN, IT IS ONLY RATIONAL TO DEVELOP A MEANS OF  
4 DENYING FUEL OXYGEN. THIS IS ACHIEVED BY ENVELOPING A FUEL  
5 WITH EMISSIONS FROM A TURBO JET ENGINE. A TURBO JET ENGINE MAY  
6 BE MANUFACTURED AS SMALL AS THE SIZE OF A POWER LAWN MOWER.  
7 SUCH AN ENGINE WOULD BE LIGHT AND PORTABLE. SUCH AN ENGINE  
8 COULD READILY BEING PRESENTED AT A BRUSH FIRE BETWEEN THE FIRE  
9 AND A HOME. NO MATTER HOW HOT THE ENVIRONMENT, RADIATION FROM  
10 THE FIRE WOULD BE DISPELLED BY THE EMISSIONS FROM THE TURBO  
11 JET ENGINE, THEREBY PREVENTING THE FUEL AND THE HOME FROM  
12 BURNING. SIMILARLY, IN A HIGH-RISE, AS IN THE 9-11 TRAGEDY, NO  
13 FIRE IN A HIGH-RISE CAN WITHSTAND THE DENIAL OF OXYGEN, ALL OF  
14 WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. I THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, THE CHAIR WOULD MOVE  
17 ITEM 28. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
18 ORDERED. ITEM 31. DO WE HAVE -- I HAVE IT AS HELD FOR A MEMBER  
19 OF THE PUBLIC. I SHOW IT'S BEING HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
20 PUBLIC, ITEM 31. DO YOU HAVE ANYONE -- BUT I -- WE DID -- WE  
21 NEED TO RECONSIDER IT BECAUSE I SHOW IT AS BEING HELD FOR A  
22 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ITEM 31. DO YOU HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP?  
23 OH, YOU WERE... OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR  
24 BURKE MOVES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
25 SO ORDERED. OH, WE DID THAT ALREADY, TOO. DIDN'T WE? OKAY. ALL



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1 RIGHT. WE DID IT TWICE. BUT YOU ONLY GET HALF THE MONEY. 34 IS  
2 REMOVED FROM CLOSED SESSION AND I UNDERSTAND SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
3 HAS A MOTION OR AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM 34. THE CASH COW.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO MOVE THAT ONE BECAUSE  
6 WE'RE WAITING, RIGHT?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, BECAUSE SHE REMOVED THE CLOSED SESSION  
9 PART OF IT, SO IT'S BACK ON THE FLOOR. YOU CAN CONTINUE THE  
10 ITEM IF YOU WANT OR IF YOU HAVE -- I WAS TOLD YOU HAD AN  
11 AMENDMENT. BUT YOU DIDN'T-- YOU WERE GOING TO TAKE IT TO  
12 CLOSED SESSION, BUT YOU SAID...

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** I WANTED TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS THAT I THOUGHT  
15 SHOULD BE ASKED IN CLOSED SESSION BECAUSE THEY RELATED TO...

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH BUT I WANTED TO  
18 UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS BECAUSE YOURS IS MORE THE ISSUE OF THE  
19 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, WHICH IS A CLOSED SESSION ITEM.  
20 AND MINE IS JUST TO TELL THE BUREAUCRATS TO DO MORE  
21 BUREAUCRATIC CHECKING ON THE BUREAUCRATIC STUFF THAT THEY DO  
22 EVERY BUREAUCRATIC DAY AND IT'S NOT VERY INTERESTING [LAUGHS]  
23 BECAUSE I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO GET ANYTHING DONE IN THIS  
24 PROCESS. I JUST KEEP PUTTING THESE IN AND I DON'T THINK I'M



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1 GOING TO GO ANYWHERE WITH IT. IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S NOT GOING  
2 TO CHANGE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WE CAN STILL PUT IT ON THE FLOOR, I  
5 MEAN...

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. I'M ASKING THAT D.P.S.S...

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T YOU ASK FOR WHAT THE ORIGINAL  
10 CONTRACT WAS FOR?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...WITHIN THE WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS, CONDUCT AN  
13 ASSESSMENT OF ALL DISTRICT OFFICES TO IDENTIFY THE CAUSES FOR  
14 THE TIME DELAYS AND IMPLEMENT A TRAINING PROGRAM TO IMPROVE  
15 RESPONSE TIME, AND I ASK THEM THAT THEY GIVE US A MONTHLY  
16 STATUS. SO I'M SURE THEY WILL DO IT AND IT WILL MEAN NOTHING  
17 AND WE'LL SPEND MORE MONEY NOT GETTING THE ANSWERS I NEED. BUT  
18 IT'S AN EFFORT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU STILL WANT TO-- WITH THAT AMENDMENT,  
21 STILL WANT TO TAKE IT TO CLOSED SESSION AND ASK SOME  
22 QUESTIONS?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** MY ISSUES ARE A LITTLE BIT...

25





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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I MEAN, IT'S SEPARATE FROM THIS BUT, I  
2   MEAN...

3

4   **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, IT IS.

5

6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU STILL WANT TO TAKE IT TO CLOSED  
7   SESSION? WE CAN DO THAT.

8

9   **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO.

10

11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE:** IT WON'T TAKE ME VERY LONG BECAUSE, ACTUALLY, I  
14   WANT TO ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO RESPOND TO SOME VERY  
15   SPECIFIC ISSUES.

16

17   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BASIS FOR THE  
18   CLOSED SESSION IS THE POTENTIAL FOR INITIATING LITIGATION.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE:** YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE...

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT WAS A VERY GOOD UNDERSTANDING, MR.  
23   PELLMAN. THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER] OKAY. SO THIS ITEM, AS AMENDED,  
24   WILL GO TO CLOSED SESSION FOR SOME VERY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AS



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1 UNDERSTOOD BY OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. ITEM 40 WAS HELD BY A MEMBER  
2 OF THE PUBLIC. NANCY AKERS AND THIARON GARBER.

3

4 **NANCY M. AKERS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE  
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS NANCY AKERS AND I'M HERE ON  
6 BEHALF OF SAFE MOVES, WHICH IS A FINALIST FOR THE ELEMENTARY  
7 SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION R.F.P. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
8 OF SAFE MOVES, PAT HEINZ, REGRETS SHE COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY  
9 AND I'M SPEAKING IN HER STEAD. THIS IS A 23-YEAR-OLD  
10 ORGANIZATION WITH THE LONG-AWARDED HISTORY OF EDUCATING K  
11 THROUGH 12 STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN A VARIETY OF  
12 SAFETY ISSUES AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND, SPECIFICALLY,  
13 WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE R.F.P. PROCESS IN THIS BID-- IN THIS  
14 R.F.P. AND ABOUT TWO THINGS IN PARTICULAR: NUMBER ONE, THE  
15 FACT THAT BOTH, IN THE PROPOSALS THEMSELVES AND IN THE IN-  
16 PERSON INTERVIEWS, THE INFORMATION SURFACED THAT SAFE MOVES  
17 CAN SEE ALMOST TWO TIMES THE STUDENTS, NAMELY, 324,000, IN  
18 TWICE THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, NAMELY 720, AS THE ROGERS'  
19 PROPOSAL. AND NUMBER TWO, THE FACT THAT, IN THE BITTERS  
20 CONFERENCE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF MADE IT CLEAR  
21 THAT AN EVENT CALLED EARTH JAM SHOULD BE PART OF EVERYONE'S  
22 PROPOSAL AND, FROM OUR READING OF ROGERS' SUBMITTAL, WE SAW NO  
23 MENTION OF THIS EVENT, WHICH WE, IN FACT, DID INCLUDE IN OUR  
24 RESPONSE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, RESPECTFULLY, A MILLION  
25 DOLLARS A YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS IS A LOT OF MONEY AND, FOR THESE



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1 REASONS, AS TAXPAYERS AND PROPOSERS, WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THE  
2 BOARD TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER FURTHER. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, SIR?

5

6 **THIARON GARBER:** HI. MY NAME IS THIARON GARBER, 1918 OXLEY,  
7 SOUTH PASADENA. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE BEEN IN THIS  
8 CHAIR. I'M SPEAKING TODAY IN REGARDS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
9 EDUCATION PROGRAM. I ALSO WORK WITH SAVE MOVES. AND,  
10 CURRENTLY, WE PROVIDE THE TRAINING FOR THE MASTER RECYCLERS  
11 THAT ARE SUBCONTRACTED BY THE COUNTY TO DO TECHNICAL  
12 ASSISTANCE AT THEIR MULTI-FAMILY COMPLEXES. IN THIS PROPOSAL,  
13 WE WOULD PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS TO START  
14 RECYCLING PROGRAMS. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IS EXTREMELY  
15 IMPORTANT TO ME, BOTH PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY, AND I  
16 BELIEVE, AS MOST OF YOU DO, THAT THE KEY TO OUR FUTURE IS THE  
17 EDUCATION THAT WE GIVE OUR CHILDREN. SO, IN THIS PARTICULAR  
18 CONTRACT, I'M BAFFLED AS TO WHY, FOR A MILLION DOLLARS, WE  
19 DON'T WANT TO SEE 600,000 CHILDREN. INSTEAD, WE WANT TO SEE  
20 324,000 CHILDREN INSTEAD OF 137,000 CHILDREN. IT JUST DOESN'T  
21 MAKE SENSE TO ME THAT WE WOULDN'T WANT TO REACH DOUBLE THE  
22 NUMBER OF KIDS. SO I'M ASKING YOU TO AT LEAST GIVE A MOMENT OF  
23 TIME FOR SOME FURTHER CONSIDERATION ON THIS MATTER SO WE CAN  
24 AT LEAST CLEAR THE AIR.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DID YOUR COMPANY FILE A FORMAL PROTEST?

2

3    **THIARON GARBER:** NO. WE MET WITH THE COUNTY IN THEIR DEPARTMENT  
4    AND HAD A...

5

6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHY DIDN'T -- I MEAN, AS-- I'LL ASK MR.  
7    NOYES, IF YOU CAN COME FORWARD TO ANSWER THIS, BUT WE DO HAVE  
8    A PROTEST PROCESS.

9

10    **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, I WOULD LIKE TO -- SINCE  
11    I'M JUST READING IT, I'D LIKE TO HONOR THEIR REQUEST SO THAT  
12    I'D LIKE TO ASK, AND IF THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY JEOPARDY,  
13    OF A TWO WEEK'S CONTINUANCE IN ORDER TO BETTER UNDERSTAND SOME  
14    OF THE ISSUES. CAN WE DO THAT?

15

16    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. I MEAN, I JUST...

17

18    **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I UNDERSTAND.

19

20    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE. OKAY.

21

22    **JIM NOYES:** SUPERVISOR, JIM NOYES, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR. I  
23    BELIEVE I HEARD YOU SAY YOU WANT TO INVESTIGATE THIS FURTHER  
24    AND REQUEST A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE? SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: MM HM.

25



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1   **JIM NOYES:** YES. THIS CONTRACT IS NOT TIME- SENSITIVE AND, IF  
2   THE BOARD WISHES TO DO THAT, WE CAN TALK TO OUR FRIENDS HERE  
3   AS WELL AS PROVIDE YOU ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

4

5   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO DISRUPT THE QUESTIONS  
6   THAT...

7

8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, I MEAN, BUT I MEAN THAT WAS GOING TO,  
9   YOU KNOW, ONE, WHETHER IT WAS TIME-SENSITIVE; TWO, YOU KNOW,  
10   ON THE WHOLE PROCESS AS IT RELATED, WHY THE, YOU KNOW, I GUESS  
11   WHY YOU DIDN'T FILE A FORMAL PROTEST. DON'T WE HAVE A PROTEST  
12   PROCESS?

13

14   **JIM NOYES:** WE DO HAVE A -- THERE IS A PROCESS IN THE COUNTY  
15   RULES FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR, YES.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND IS THE TIME PASSED THAT THEY ARE  
18   ELIGIBLE TO FILE A PROTEST?

19

20   **JIM NOYES:** I'D HAVE TO CHECK THAT, SIR. I'M NOT SURE.

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. BECAUSE VERSUS COMING DIRECTLY HERE,  
23   OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S A FORMAL PROTEST PROCESS THAT YOU PROBABLY  
24   SHOULD HAVE FILED BUT WE WILL CONTINUE THE ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS



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1 AND YOU CAN GET BACK WITH US WITH THE ANSWERS TO THEIR  
2 ALLEGATIONS.

3

4 **JIM NOYES:** YES, SIR.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO THAT ITEM IS CONTINUED FOR TWO  
11 WEEKS WITH A REPORT BACK FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.  
12 ITEM 54. THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AS WELL. MARK GAMBLE  
13 AND GENEVIEVE. I HAD HELD IT LAST WEEK AS WELL FOR DISCUSSION.  
14 MY CONCERN IS MOVING FORWARD ON ANYTHING THAT HASN'T QUALIFIED  
15 YET AND THAT'S BEEN, HISTORICALLY, OUR SITUATION. MR. GAMBLE?

16

17 **MARK GAMBLE:** MARK GAMBLE WITH THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF  
18 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. LET ME BEGIN MY REMARKS BY SAYING ANTHONY  
19 BOTHE SENDS HIS REGARDS AND HE TOLD ME TO ASSURE YOU THAT HE'S  
20 TRULY ENJOYING RETIREMENT. SO... I TALKED TO HIM AT 4:00 ONE  
21 AFTERNOON. HE WAS OPENING A BOTTLE OF WINE AT THE BEACH, SO...  
22 SUPERVISOR KNABE, IN TERMS OF WHAT YOUR QUESTION IS, THAT IT  
23 HASN'T QUALIFIED, I TALKED TO C.H.A. TODAY, WHO IS PART OF THE  
24 COALITION, THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION, AND THEY  
25 HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY THE SIGNATURE-GATHERING ORGANIZATION THAT



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1 THEY ARE GOING TO REACH THE CRITICAL MASS IN TERMS OF THE  
2 NUMBER OF SIGNATURES NEEDED AND, IN FACT, THAT THEY ARE USING  
3 THIS BALLOT INITIATIVE, BECAUSE OF ITS SUPPORT AT THE  
4 COMMUNITY LEVEL, TO PIGGYBACK OTHER BALLOT INITIATIVE  
5 SIGNATURE-GATHERING EFFORTS ONTO. SO THEY ARE CONFIDENT IT  
6 WILL WORK IN THAT REGARDS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR MARCH?

9

10 **MARK GAMBLE:** NO. THIS IS FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

13

14 **MARK GAMBLE:** : JUST THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS RECOMMENDATION  
15 ALONG WITH THE SIX OTHERS, AND I HAVE SPECIFICS SPELLED OUT  
16 BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO VOTE ON IT AND VOTE FOR IT, I'M NOT  
17 GOING TO TRY AND TALK YOU OUT OF IT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK SOME OF US HAVE CONCERNS  
20 ABOUT WHETHER WE SUPPORT THIS. I MEAN, THERE'S BIGGER ISSUES  
21 HERE. I MEAN, THAT'S NOT THE ONLY TAX KIND OF ISSUE ON THIS  
22 WHOLE, THE WHOLE BALLOT PROCESS AND I THINK WE NEED TO PUT IT  
23 IN PERSPECTIVE. I MEAN, IF I'M FORCED TO VOTE AGAINST IT  
24 TODAY, I MEAN, I'D VOTE AGAINST IT BUT, I MEAN, THERE'S A  
25 BIGGER ISSUE. YOU'VE GOT THE SHERIFF'S THING, YOU'VE GOT, YOU





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1 KNOW, ALL THESE DIFFERENT THINGS, AND NEXT THING YOU KNOW, WE  
2 HAVE 22-1/2 CENTS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THIS IS-- IF I CAN JUST INTERJECT, I  
5 DON'T THINK THIS IS A SALES TAX.

6

7 **MARK GAMBLE:** NO. THIS IS A FEE ON THE...

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...ISSUE. THIS IS THE UTILITY--A  
10 TELEPHONE...

11

12 **MARK GAMBLE:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TAX ON TELEPHONE SO...SO IT'S STILL A TAX.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BUT, I MEAN, IN COMPARISON, I MEAN, YOU  
17 JUST HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL THE ISSUES THAT ARE OUT THERE THAT  
18 ARE ADVOCATING THIS KIND OF, YOU KNOW, HOW DOES IT FIT IN AND  
19 WHAT DO YOU SUPPORT AND WHAT DO YOU DON'T SUPPORT? YOU DON'T  
20 JUST GO OUT THERE AND WILLY-NILLY SUPPORT EVERY FEE OR TAX.

21

22 **MARK GAMBLE:** THIS IS RAISING 550 MILLION THAT IS GOING TO GO  
23 TO PHYSICIANS, HOSPITALS, 9-1-1 DISPATCH, EMERGENCY, WHERE  
24 YOU'RE NOT HAVING THAT INFLUX OF MONEY NOW AND YOU DON'T HAVE  
25 THE PHYSICIANS...



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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, HOW DOES IT RELATE TO MEASURE B?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK THAT, AGAIN, ONE OF  
5 THE ISSUES, THERE'S NO DOUBT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE AND  
6 EVENTUALLY IT ADDS UP, BUT WE ARE NOT CONFRONTING THE REALITY  
7 OF WHAT WE HAVE TO PAY FOR. THIS IS, AGAIN, A VERY CREATIVE  
8 WAY TO FIND A THING -- WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THESE SERVICES, AND  
9 WE ARE -- IT'S NICKEL AND DIMING PEOPLE, THERE IS NO DOUBT,  
10 BECAUSE WE AREN'T WILLING TO CONFRONT WHAT SOME OF THESE COSTS  
11 ARE AND THIS IS, AGAIN, A LEGITIMATE NEXUS, AS THEY SAY, AND I  
12 THINK THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT. BUT THIS IS ISN'T-- THEY ARE  
13 VERY, VERY SEPARATE. IT GOES RIGHT ONTO OUR PHONE BILL, I  
14 UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?

15

16 **MARK GAMBLE:** WHAT WAS THAT? I DIDN'T HEAR THAT LAST POINT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT GOES ON TO OUR PHONE BILL, CORRECT?

19

20 **MARK GAMBLE:** YES, IT DOES. IT'S A 9-1-1 SURCHARGE ON THE PHONE  
21 BILLS. THERE IS A CAP FOR RESIDENTIAL FEES, 50 CENTS IS THE  
22 CAP, AND THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY NOW...

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 50 CENTS PER MONTH?

25



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1   **MARK GAMBLE:** YES, AND THE LOWER INCOME -- THOSE THAT ARE  
2   CURRENTLY EXEMPT FROM FEES WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY THIS, EITHER.

3

4   **SUP. MOLINA:** THE QUESTION THAT I HAD ON THAT IN THE UTILITY --  
5   THIS IS A UTILITY ASSESSMENT IN A SENSE, RIGHT?

6

7   **MARK GAMBLE:** MM HM.

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT GOES ON THE TELEPHONE BILL?

10

11   **MARK GAMBLE:** CORRECT.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** WE GET TAXED. DO WE TAX ON UTILITY BILLS? WOULD  
14   THIS BE -- SO THEY WOULD GET TAXED ON THE 50 CENTS AS WELL?

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'D GET IT ON -- IT WOULD BE ASSESSED ON  
17   YOUR BILL, ON YOUR TELEPHONE BILL.

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW THE ASSESSMENT IS BUT THEN, DON'T WE TAX  
20   UTILITY BILLS?

21

22   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE CAN LOOK INTO THAT BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT  
23   YOU WOULD ASSESS A TAX.

24

25   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE DO. WE HAVE A UTILITY TAX.



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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. WHICH IN, IF YOU'RE IN THE CITY, FOR  
3 EXAMPLE, IN THE CITY, THEY'LL...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. AND SO DO WE. I THINK WE HAVE A 5%  
6 UTILITY TAX IN THE COUNTY.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** WE HAVE ONE, TOO.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BUT I THINK IT'S HIGHER IN THE CITY  
11 BUT...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 10%.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. SO WOULD, THEN, THE CITY BE MAKING MONEY  
16 FROM THIS?

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO.

19

20 **MARK GAMBLE:** NO.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT WILL...

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S NOT A TAX ON PORTION. THAT PORTION.

25



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1   **MARK GAMBLE:** IT'S NOT A TAX ON THE TAX.

2

3   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT A TAX ON THE TAX, IT'S A TAX ON THE  
4   BASE BILL.

5

6   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

7

8   **MARK GAMBLE:** FOR THE USAGE.

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE. IT'S A TAX WHAT?

11

12   **MARK GAMBLE:** ON THE USAGE. YOU'RE NOT TAXING THE TAX. YOU'RE  
13   JUST TAXING THE USE-- EACH ONE TAXES THE USAGE.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS MOST YOU CAN BE TAXED 50 CENTS?

16

17   **MARK GAMBLE:** ON THE RESIDENTIAL.

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, MY BILL -- MY BILL GETS TAXED ON WHATEVER MY  
20   AMOUNT IS. IT DOESN'T BREAK OUT SEPARATELY.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON, BECAUSE THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. ON  
23   THE RESIDENTIAL, IS IT 50 CENTS NO MATTER HOW MUCH OF A PHONE  
24   BILL YOU HAVE?

25



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1   **MARK GAMBLE:** CORRECT. RESIDENTIAL PHONE BILLS, YES.

2

3   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S A FLAT FEE OF 50 CENTS...

4

5   **MARK GAMBLE:** NO HIGHER THAN 50 CENTS.

6

7   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CAP.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PARDON ME?

10

11   **MARK GAMBLE:** NO HIGHER THAN 50 CENTS.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS IT BASED ON? IF IT'S NO HIGHER,  
14   WHY WOULD I -- WHO WOULD PAY 25 CENTS?

15

16   **MARK GAMBLE:** IT IS A 3.7% SURCHARGE ON YOUR PHONE BILL SO...

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THAT'S THE ANSWER TO HER QUESTION,  
19   THEN. IT'S A PERCENTAGE ON-- IT'S A 3.75% OF THE BASE OF  
20   WHATEVER YOUR PHONE CHARGE IS, NOT INCLUDING THE OTHER TAXES,  
21   BUT IT'S CAPPED AT 50 CENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL.

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHEN I GET MY BILL, JUST SO THAT I UNDERSTAND,  
24   AND I AM CHARGED A UTILITY TAX BY MY CITY, SO THIS WILL COME  
25   AFTER THAT.



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1

2 **MARK GAMBLE:** YEAH. RIGHT NOW, ON YOUR PHONE BILL, YOU'LL SEE A  
3 9-1-1 SURCHARGE. AND IT'S ALREADY ON THE PHONE BILL. THIS IS  
4 INCREASING THAT SURCHARGE BY 3%.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT AGAIN, RIGHT NOW, WHEN IT'S ON MY PHONE BILL,  
7 I WANT TO UNDERSTAND, IT'S SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE UTILITY  
8 TAX?

9

10 **MARK GAMBLE:** CORRECT, YES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAD ANOTHER QUESTION, IF I CAN, MR.  
13 CHAIRMAN, BEFORE YOU CONTINUE THE HEARING. AND IT'S A A  
14 QUESTION I'VE ASKED OUR STAFF TO FIND OUT AND I DON'T KNOW  
15 WHAT THE ANSWER IS. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT MY CONCERN IS ABOUT  
16 THIS. I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THIS, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T BELIEVE THE  
17 COUNTY WAS MEANINGFULLY CONSULTED ON IT, WE ARE NEVERTHELESS A  
18 MODEST BENEFICIARY OF THIS, PRESUMABLY, BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
19 THE MEDICAL CARE SYSTEM AND ALL ARE BENEFICIARIES AND THE  
20 CLINICS, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE A VERY SMALL PIECE OF THIS,  
21 SMALLER THAN I WOULD HAVE LIKED, ARE STILL A PIECE OF IT. BUT  
22 HERE'S MY QUESTION: WHAT IS TO PREVENT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
23 FROM DECIDING IT WANTS TO HEIST THIS MONEY TO BALANCE ITS  
24 BUDGET? THEY HAVE TAKEN GAS TAX MONEY, THEY HAVE TAKEN MONIES  
25 THAT ARE PRESUMABLY EARMARKED, THEY HAVE TAKEN FUNDS FROM PARK





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1 BOND MEASURES AND SIPHONED THEM OFF TO USE IT FOR OTHER  
2 PURPOSES AND THEN BACKED OUT GENERAL FUND MONEY TO BALANCE  
3 THEIR BUDGET. WHAT CAN -- THE LAST THING I WANT TO DO IS VOTE  
4 FOR THIS UNDER -- AND THEN BE A VICTIM OF A BAIT AND SWITCH.  
5 THAT I THOUGHT I WAS VOTING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE BUT  
6 WHAT I'M REALLY GETTING IS A VEHICLE FOR THE STATE TO MAKE UP  
7 A DEFICIT CAUSED BY OTHER LARGESSE AND EXCESSES.

8

9 **MARK GAMBLE:** YES, AND C.H.A. IS WELL AWARE OF THAT AND ALSO  
10 HAS THAT CONCERN BECAUSE THEY SAW THAT HAPPEN WITH PROP 99 ON  
11 THE TOBACCO TAX.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXACTLY.

14

15 **MARK GAMBLE:** THAT ALL GOT RAKED OFF. BUT THAT, MY  
16 UNDERSTANDING WAS, IT WAS IN THE GENERAL FUND, WHERE IT WAS  
17 EASIER TO TAP INTO THE RESOURCES. THIS FUND IS GOING TO GO TO  
18 EACH -- THERE'S GOING TO BE DIFFERENT POTS OF MONEY FOR ALL  
19 THE GROUPS THAT ARE GOING TO BE FUNDED FROM THIS, SO IT'S  
20 GOING TO BE SMALLER DOLLAR AMOUNTS AND, HOPEFULLY, IT WILL BE  
21 UNDER THE RADAR SCREEN OF THE STATE WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING FOR  
22 FUNDS TO TAP INTO.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, LET ME TELL YOU, THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER  
25 I'M LOOKING FOR.



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2 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE] RADAR SCREEN.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S -- THEIR RADAR SCREEN RIGHT NOW IS  
5 PRETTY BROAD AND IT'S GOT A LOT OF DOTS ON IT.

6

7 **MARK GAMBLE:** THE COALITION HAS DONE AS MUCH AS THEY CAN TO  
8 KEEP IT FROM HAPPENING -- KEEPING THAT FROM HAPPENING, WHAT  
9 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES IN THIS. I  
10 MEAN, IT'S A STATE FUND, UNFORTUNATELY.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S -- GENEVIEVE?

13

14 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M GLAD THAT IT'S A  
15 QUESTION YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING, BECAUSE SOMETIME WHEN YOU GO  
16 AFTER A LEGISLATION, YOU MIGHT NOT SEE ALL THE FALL BACK FROM  
17 IT. THE C.N.A. PUSH DOWN FOR THE NURSE-PATIENT RATIO, AND NOW  
18 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT EMERGENCY ROOM. WE HAVE BOTTLENECK  
19 EVERYWHERE IN THE SYSTEM RIGHT NOW IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE  
20 ARE DELAYING TREATMENT TO PATIENTS BECAUSE OF THE NURSE-  
21 PATIENT RATIO. WE CANNOT ADMIT BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH  
22 NURSES AND ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION WAS  
23 TO DEAL WITH THAT, YOU KNOW, PROBLEM. THAT WAS TWO MONTHS AGO.  
24 WE ARE IN AN ACUTE EMERGENCY RIGHT NOW. EVERY DAY, MANY OF THE  
25 E.R. IN L.A. COUNTY ARE CLOSED FOR ADMISSION. WE NEED TO LOOK



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1 AT THAT IN DETAIL. I KNOW YOU WROTE A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR  
2 ON DEALING WITH THE NURSE-PATIENT RATIO. HAVE YOU HEARD FROM  
3 IT OR WHAT'S GOING TO BE DONE ABOUT IT? BECAUSE, RIGHT NOW, WE  
4 ARE IN MAJOR TROUBLE. WE ARE INCREASING THE COST OF HEALTHCARE  
5 AND WE ARE NOT PROVIDING THE CARE. SO I THINK YOU -- I WOULD  
6 LIKE FOR YOU TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT AND TELL ME IF YOU GET A  
7 RESPONSE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I COULDN'T TELL YOU. I DON'T -- I HAVE NOT  
10 SEEN A RESPONSE. I DON'T THINK WE RECEIVED A RESPONSE YET. WE  
11 DIDN'T? [INDISTINCT VOICES].

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DIFFERENT ISSUE. WE'VE NOT RECEIVED A  
14 RESPONSE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO ASK A QUESTION.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE PROPOSED PERCENTAGE INCREASES FOR  
21 RESIDENCE VERSUS BUSINESSES AND THEN CELLS?

22

23 **MARK GAMBLE:** IT'S 3% ACROSS THE BOARD BUT THERE'S A 50 CENT  
24 CAP ON THE RESIDENCE. THERE IS NOT THE CAP FOR BUSINESSES.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE'S NO CAP ON BUSINESSES? IS THERE A CAP  
2    ON CELL?

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4    **MARK GAMBLE:** RIGHT. CORRECT.

5

6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE IS A CAP ON CELL?

7

8    **MARK GAMBLE:** NO, YOU WERE RIGHT, THERE IS NO CAP.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE'S NO CAP ON CELL PHONES, THERE'S NO CAP  
11   ON BUSINESSES? IF THERE ARE NO SURCHARGES FOR CELL PHONE USERS  
12   AT THIS TIME, WOULD IMPOSING A SURCHARGE REQUIRE ANOTHER  
13   INITIATIVE?

14

15   **MARK GAMBLE:** I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER FOR THAT.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. PELLMAN?

18

19   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WOULD YOU PLEASE REPEAT THE QUESTION?

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THERE ARE NO SURCHARGES FOR CELL PHONE  
22   USERS AT THIS TIME, WOULD IMPOSING A SURCHARGE REQUIRE ANOTHER  
23   INITIATIVE?

24



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1 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE STATUS OF THE UTILITY  
2 TAX IS ON CELL PHONES AT THE PRESENT TIME. I THINK THERE'S  
3 SOME LITIGATION GOING ON INVOLVING ONE JURISDICTION. I DON'T  
4 KNOW WHETHER WE'VE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT IT, PUT THAT IN  
5 ABEYANCE OR WHAT. I'D HAVE TO CHECK ON THAT FURTHER,  
6 SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT CRITERIA WILL BE USED TO ENSURE FUNDING  
9 IS UTILIZED FOR UNCOMPENSATED COMMUNITY CLINIC CARE EMERGENCY  
10 SERVICES?

11

12 **MARK GAMBLE:** IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY WILL SUBMIT -- THEY HAVE TO  
13 HAVE AT LEAST A THOUSAND VISITS, UNCOMPENSATED CARE VISITS,  
14 AND THEN THEY SUBMIT THAT FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THOSE VISITS.  
15 IT'S ON A PER ENCOUNTER BASIS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S PUBLIC AND PRIVATE?

18

19 **MARK GAMBLE:** IT IS NONPROFIT, AND WHETHER OR NOT THAT  
20 CONSTITUTES THE PUBLIC, I DON'T KNOW BUT I KNOW THIS WAS  
21 DONE...

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** "NONPROFIT" IS KIND OF A MISNOMER BECAUSE THE  
24 PEOPLE WHO RUN NONPROFITS DON'T WEAR COVERALLS AND SANDALS. I



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1 MEAN, THEY'RE MAKING A SIZABLE INCOME. MANY OF THEM ARE. NOT  
2 ALL OF THEM BUT A LOT OF THEM ARE, RIGHT?

3

4 **MARK GAMBLE:** THEY COULD, YES, BUT THAT'S THE COMMUNITY CLINIC  
5 ASSOCIATION AND I DON'T WANT TO REPRESENT THEIR CONSTITUENTS.  
6 SO I HAVE A TOUGH TIME ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS SPECIFICALLY  
7 ADDRESSED TO THEM.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE A FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT FOR THIS  
10 INITIATIVE?

11

12 **MARK GAMBLE:** YES. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE  
13 HOSPITAL AND PHYSICIAN PIECE AND THEY CAN, AND THE COUNTY CAN  
14 REQUEST TO HAVE OVERSIGHT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHICH DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH SERVICES? THE  
17 STATE?

18

19 **MARK GAMBLE:** STATE, YES. AND THEN THE COUNTY CAN REQUEST TO  
20 HAVE OVERSIGHT THROUGH THE INITIATIVE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WOW. THAT'S THE...

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR, THERE IS A COMMISSION ESTABLISHED  
25 BY THIS INITIATIVE, EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA PHYSICIAN SERVICES



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1 COMMISSION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. SO IT'S A NEW  
2 COMMISSION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT WITH SPECIFIED MEMBERSHIP  
3 THAT WILL OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INITIATIVE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CAN I JUST GO BACK TO MR. ANTONOVICH'S  
6 QUESTION ABOUT CELL PHONES? IF, IN FACT, YOU KNOW, IT DOESN'T  
7 REQUIRE ANOTHER INITIATIVE, ARE THERE ADMINISTRATIVE  
8 PROCEDURES WITHIN THIS BALLOT INITIATIVE THAT MIGHT ALLOW THEM  
9 TO ASSESS CELL PHONES? AND, WITH THAT, VIS-A-VIS, THEN, TAKE  
10 THAT MONEY DIRECTLY TO THE STATE VERSUS THE LOCAL SPLITTING? I  
11 MEAN, THAT COULD BE -- IF THERE ARE ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES  
12 WITHIN THIS, THAT COULD BE ANOTHER, YOU KNOW, RUN AT OUR  
13 MONEY.

14

15 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT, SUPERVISOR.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK IT GOES TO THE POINT, THOUGH, THAT  
18 THERE ARE A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN 1990, THE STATE CIGARETTE TAX THAT WAS  
21 IMPOSED, PROP 99, THE COUNTY RECEIVED \$130 MILLION. LAST YEAR,  
22 THE COUNTY RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY \$20 MILLION, OF WHICH L.A.  
23 COUNTY -- I SHOULD SAY, CALIFORNIA RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY \$20  
24 MILLION, OF WHICH OUR COUNTY RECEIVED \$5.7 MILLION. IS IT  
25 POSSIBLE FOR THE STATE TO ELIMINATE PROP 99 DOLLARS TO BE





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1 ALLOCATED TO THE COUNTY FOR TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY SERVICES IF  
2 THE STATE BELIEVES THAT FUNDING THROUGH THE 9-1-1 SURCHARGE  
3 AND MEASURE B ARE COVERING COSTS FOR TRAUMA?

4

5 **MARK GAMBLE:** NO, THEY CAN'T. THAT'S WRITTEN INTO THE LANGUAGE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE'S NO AUTHORITY FOR THE STATE TO  
8 USURP THESE DOLLARS AND DIVERT THEM TO THAT?

9

10 **MARK GAMBLE:** CORRECT. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THEY WON'T FOR OTHER  
11 REASONS, WHICH THEY'VE ALREADY DONE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY DO DO THIS WITH PROPERTY TAXES.

14

15 **MARK GAMBLE:** IN TERMS OF...?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY TAKE OUR LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES AND DIVERT  
18 IT TO THE STATE.

19

20 **MARK GAMBLE:** YEAH. I MEAN, THIS IS A VERY TRICKY TIME TO TALK  
21 ABOUT FUNDING MECHANISMS GOING THROUGH THE STATE, I MEAN...

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT THESE DOLLARS? ARE THEY FOR THE  
24 CURRENT TRAUMA NETWORK THAT WE HAVE OR ARE THEY FOR EXPANDED  
25 TRAUMA NETWORKS THROUGHOUT THE REGION?



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2 **MARK GAMBLE:** THEY ARE FOR EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA. SO THERE IS --  
3 IT IS FOR CURRENT AND, IF NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS COME  
4 ONLINE, IT WILL INCLUDE THEM.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS THAT YOU  
7 ANTICIPATE BEING GENERATED?

8

9 **MARK GAMBLE:** 550 MILLION IS THE LATEST ESTIMATE. I MEAN, WE'VE  
10 SEEN TWO HOSPITALS CLOSE ALREADY THIS YEAR OR AT LEAST  
11 ANNOUNCE THEY WERE CLOSING.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, WE  
14 CAN'T BE THE H.M.O. TO THE WORLD. AND, AGAIN, WE ARE  
15 ATTEMPTING TO BE ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE WHEN, AS A RESULT,  
16 THE ENTIRE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM IS EXPERIENCING A  
17 MELTDOWN. SO WE CAN'T SUE OURSELVES THE GREATNESS AND WE CAN'T  
18 BE THE H.M.O. TO THE WORLD. THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME CHANGES,  
19 BOTH FEDERALLY, LOCALLY, AND STATE-WISE ON REFORMING THE  
20 SYSTEM AND JUST ADDING ADDITIONAL TAXES DOES NOT ALWAYS  
21 ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS.

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ON YOUR QUESTION ABOUT CELL PHONES AND WHETHER  
3 IT APPLIES, SECTION 41.020.5 SAYS THAT THE 3% APPLIES TO EVERY  
4 PERSON IN THE STATE ON INTRASTATE TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION  
5 SERVICE. OF THE CHARGES MADE FOR SUCH SERVICE AND THE CAP, 50  
6 CENTS PER MONTH, SAYS: FOR PURPOSES OF THE CAP, THE TERM  
7 RESIDENTIAL SERVICE USER DOES NOT INCLUDE MOBILE  
8 TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES. SO THEY SPECIFICALLY EXEMPT CELL  
9 PHONES FROM THE CAP.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. AND THE FLIP OF THAT, THOUGH, IS MY  
12 QUESTION. WAS THERE ANYTHING WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THIS  
13 INITIATIVE THAT ADMINISTRATIVELY THE STATE COULD DO SOMETHING  
14 TO ADD, POTENTIALLY ADD SOMETHING TO CELL PHONES THAT COULD  
15 CIRCUMVENT THE PROCESS OF THE MONEY GOING TO US? OR IS THERE  
16 ANY CAVEAT IN THERE, LIKE MOST OF THE BOND ISSUES, WHERE TWO-  
17 THIRDS OF THE MAJORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE CAN OVER...

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE IS A PROVISION FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO  
20 AMEND BUT IT'S FOURTH-FIFTHS AND THERE'S ALSO ANTI-  
21 SUPPLANTATION LANGUAGE FOR WHATEVER VALUE THAT IS. BUT IT IS  
22 IN THERE, THAT THEY ARE NOT TO SUPPLANT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** MAY I JUST ASK...

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BUT FOUR-FIFTHS, THEY COULD...

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3    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** FOUR-FIFTHS, RIGHT.

4

5    **SUP. BURKE:** GOING TO THE CELL PHONE ISSUE, MOST OF THOSE ARE  
6    INTERSTATE AND ARE-- NOT BY OUR CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES  
7    COMMISSION. DO WE, IN THE STATE, HAVE THE POWER TO TAX THOSE?  
8    FOR INSTANCE, CAN WE TAX LONG DISTANCE CALLS BETWEEN COUNTRIES  
9    AND BETWEEN STATES THAT WOULD OCCUR ON A CELL PHONE?

10

11    **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE SUBJECTS OF SOME  
12    CURRENT LITIGATION, SUPERVISOR.

13

14    **SUP. BURKE:** IS THAT THE ISSUE IN LITIGATION?

15

16    **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I BELIEVE SO, WHETHER THERE'S A CITES HERE  
17    THAT MAKES IT A TAXABLE TRANSACTION.

18

19    **SUP. BURKE:** MOST OF THE CELL PHONES ARE UNDER FEDERAL  
20    REGULATION. ISN'T THAT CORRECT?

21

22    **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** YES.

23

24    **SUP. BURKE:** THEY'RE NOT AUTHORIZED THROUGH A STATE PUBLIC  
25    UTILITY?



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2 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC  
3 UTILITIES COMMISSION ENJOYS DUAL JURISDICTION WITH THE F.C.C.  
4 OR NOT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK, YOU KNOW, JUST MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT  
7 THEY'RE USUALLY REGULATED FROM A FEDERAL REGULATION. SO, AT  
8 ANY RATE, THAT'S THE ISSUE -- ONE OF THE ISSUES IN LITIGATION.  
9 IT WILL BE SETTLED THEN. OKAY. IS THAT IN FEDERAL COURT?

10

11 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** MY RECOLLECTION IS IT IS IN FEDERAL COURT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, I THINK IT IS IN FEDERAL COURT,  
14 BECAUSE THAT'S AN F.C.C., I THINK, ISSUE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S AN F.C.C. ISSUE? ARE THEY...

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, PARTICULARLY SINCE A LOT OF PEOPLE  
19 ARE GETTING RID OF THEIR, YOU KNOW, HARD LINES AT HOME AND  
20 USING CELL PHONES. ANYTHING ELSE? WHAT IS THE...

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW..

25



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1    **SUP. BURKE:** THIS IS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT, RIGHT?

2

3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CORRECT.

4

5    **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN DO YOU GET -- WHEN DO WE THINK WE'RE GOING TO  
6    GET SOME KIND OF FEEDBACK FROM THE COURT?

7

8    **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WE'RE NOT A PARTY TO THAT LAWSUIT.

9

10    **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW BUT CAN WE AT LEAST FIND OUT WHAT'S  
11    HAPPENING? WHEN DO YOU ANTICIPATE THE COURT IS GOING TO  
12    RESOLVE IT?

13

14    **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TIMETABLE IS,  
15    SUPERVISOR BURKE. WE'RE NOT A PARTY TO IT AND IT NOT ONE THAT  
16    WE'VE BEEN ACTIVELY TRACKING.

17

18    **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO SEE THIS PUT OVER, THEN, FOR ABOUT 30  
19    DAYS, 60 DAYS 'TIL WE KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING

20

21    **MARK GAMBLE:** AND, BY THEN, YOU'LL KNOW-- WE'LL KNOW IF IT'S  
22    QUALIFIED FOR THE BALLOT.

23

24    **SUP. BURKE:** SURE.

25



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1   **MARK GAMBLE:** WE'LL HAVE ALL THE SPECIFICS.

2

3   **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT.

4

5   **MARK GAMBLE:** I CAN COME BACK IN YOUR ANSWERS.

6

7   **SUP. BURKE:** 60 DAYS UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

8

9   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WE'LL CONTINUE  
10 THE ITEM FOR 60 DAYS. I THINK, TOO, THOUGH, I THINK, DAVID AND  
11 BILL, I THINK YOU'VE GOT A FLAVOR OF THE QUESTIONS BEING ASKED  
12 AND IT WOULD BE NICE, IN THE MEANTIME, IF WE COULD ANSWER  
13 THOSE. SO YOU CAN'T SAY THERE'S A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS.  
14 OKAY? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN  
17 TODAY IN MEMORY OF EDWARD DILORETO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT AGE 90,  
18 AS SUPERVISOR KNABE MENTIONED. ED WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND AND  
19 ONE OF MY FIRST SUPPORTERS WHEN I RAN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. HE  
20 AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING AS A DELEGATE FOR RONALD  
21 REAGAN WHEN HE RAN FOR PRESIDENT, ALONG WITH GEORGE BUSH, SR.  
22 AND GEORGE BUSH, JR. AND ROBERT DOLE. HE WAS A VERY COMMITTED,  
23 DEDICATED INDIVIDUAL. JUST A COUPLE MONTHS AGO, WE CELEBRATED  
24 HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY AT THE ITALIAN CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN LOS  
25 ANGELES WITH HE AND HIS WIFE AND ALL THE COMMUNITY FRIENDS OF





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1 HIS AND THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. BUT HE AND HIS WIFE,  
2 JILL, WERE QUITE INVOLVED. THEY WERE A GOOD TEAM AND, AS  
3 STATED, ONE OF ED'S SONS IS A MEMBER OF OUR SUPERIOR COURT AS  
4 ONE OF OUR JUDGES BUT HE WAS A REAL INTERESTING, DYNAMIC  
5 INDIVIDUAL. HE REALLY BELIEVED IN SPREADING THE TEN  
6 COMMANDMENTS. THAT WAS HIS GOAL, THAT IF WE COULD ALL ABIDE BY  
7 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, WE COULD ELIMINATE MANY OF OUR PROBLEMS.  
8 I KNOW IN DOWNEY, HE WAS INVOLVED WITH THAT ISSUE WITH THE TEN  
9 COMMANDMENTS AND TRYING TO GET THIS GOING NATIONALLY AND  
10 INTERNATIONALLY AND HE WAS ACTIVE ALONG WITH COMMUNITY WORK IN  
11 HIS CHURCH, WITH THE OPTIMIST CLUB AND WITH THE PARTY. ELBIE  
12 HICKAMBOTTOM, FORMER INFANTRY OFFICER, WORKED HARD BEHIND THE  
13 SCENES AND ALSO SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE PASADENA UNIFIED  
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79, AND HE IS  
15 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DOLORES, AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. HE AND  
16 HIS WIFE WERE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY OF PASADENA.  
17 CONSUELO GUTIERREZ, CLERK AT THE COURT IN EAST LOS ANGELES  
18 COURT PASSED AWAY JANUARY 8TH. MARY CATHEY HANFORD, WHO WAS  
19 THE LONG-TIME CIVIC LEADER, PASSED AWAY AT 102. SHE WAS THE  
20 MOTHER TO SENATOR ELIZABETH DOLE AND WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN HER  
21 COMMUNITY AND FOUNDED THE CATHEY-HANFORD HOUSE, WHICH WAS A  
22 CENTER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS. SHE'S  
23 SURVIVED BY HER TWO CHILDREN AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO  
24 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

25



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1 CHARLES PANKOW, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF CHARLES PANKOW  
2 BUILDERS, DIED ON JANUARY 12TH. HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN  
3 BUILDING MORE THAN A THOUSAND STRUCTURES BETWEEN HAWAII AND  
4 NEW YORK, INCLUDING OUR OWN METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
5 HEADQUARTERS AND THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT AND THE PASCO  
6 COLORADO IN PASADENA. ELEANOR KEMP, LONG-TIME ARCADIA  
7 RESIDENT. SHE WAS THE MOTHER TO TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PRINCESS  
8 PAMELA GIBBS AND GRANDMOTHER TO TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PRINCESS  
9 KRISTIN GIBBS SEIFERT. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89 ON  
10 JANUARY 9TH. SHE WAS ACTIVE AS PRESIDENT OF ARCADIA'S WOMEN'S  
11 CLUB AND FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE ARCADIA ASSISTANCE LEAGUE  
12 AND PTA PRESIDENT AT SANTA ANITA SCHOOL AND DANA INTERMEDIATE  
13 SCHOOL. PASTOR JONATHON CHAO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
14 65. HE SPENT THE LAST 25 YEARS SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN CHINA  
15 AND WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE SPREAD OF THE HOME CHURCHES IN  
16 CHINA WHERE, TODAY, THERE'S A LARGE CHRISTIAN EVANGELIZATION  
17 TAKING PLACE IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. HE TRAVELED TO  
18 CHINA MORE THAN A HUNDRED TIMES AND WEST COVINA AND WAS ALSO  
19 INVOLVED IN THE FOUNDING OF THE CHINA MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL  
20 TO RESEARCH THE GROWTH OF CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA. HE IS  
21 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, REBECCA, HIS PARENTS AND EIGHT SIBLINGS.  
22 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. AND THEN, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD  
23 LIKE TO MOVE RECONSIDERATION OF THE WATER POLICY, ITEM NUMBER  
24 2, AND DISCUSS THAT AT THIS TIME.

25



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1 >>SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: OKAY. SO ORDERED.

2

3 SUP. ANTONOVICH: WHAT HAPPENED, MR. CHAIRMAN, IS, IN THE  
4 DISCUSSION OF THAT ISSUE, THERE WERE SOME CONFUSIONS THAT HAD  
5 TAKEN PLACE AND, AS I STATED EARLIER, TODAY'S MEMORANDUM FROM  
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ITS  
7 LEGITIMATE CONCERNS ABOUT HEALTH AND SAFETY CAN BE ADDRESSED  
8 BY THE INSTALLATION OF FILTRATION DEVICES BETWEEN WATER  
9 STORAGE TANKS AND A HOME AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH  
10 SERVICES PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE, REGIONAL PLANNING, AND THE COUNTY  
11 COUNSEL WORKING IN A COLLABORATIVE FASHION TO FORMULATE A  
12 COMPROMISED POLICY ON HAULED WATER IN ADDITION TO SUPERVISOR  
13 YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION, WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE FURTHER REVISITING  
14 -- OR REVISING THE HAULED WATER POLICY TO REFLECT INFORMATION  
15 CONTAINED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S MEMORANDUM. PRECLUDING THE USE  
16 OF THE HAULED WATER FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT ACROSS SUBSTANTIAL  
17 REGIONS OF THE VALLEY WOULD SUBJECT THE COUNTY TO HUNDREDS OF  
18 CLAIMS. SO WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS MOVE THAT WE GO BACK TO  
19 THE AMENDMENT THAT I HAD AND THAT AMENDMENT WOULD BE TO  
20 REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH SERVICES, WORKING WITH  
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF REGIONAL PLANNING,  
22 PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE, AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO CONDUCT AT LEAST  
23 TWO COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO DISCUSS ANY PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE  
24 COUNTY'S HAULED WATER POLICY. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
25 SERVICES SHOULD PROVIDE ADVANCE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE GENERAL



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1 PUBLIC, A MINIMUM OF 15 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THESE HEARINGS AND  
2 THAT IN THE FIRST FURTHER MOVE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION  
3 THAT WE STOP AT THE END OF THE PERIOD OF THE FIRST SENTENCE BY  
4 DELETING THE SECOND SENTENCE. I HAVE NO PROBLEM IN PREVENTING  
5 -- CREATING A THRESHOLD AND HAVING NEW DEVELOPMENTS -- MAJOR  
6 DEVELOPMENTS BEING DEVELOPED WHEN THERE'S NO WATER. MY CONCERN  
7 IS, IF A PERSON WANTS TO BUILD A HOME, THEIR HOME AND THERE  
8 ARE, LET'S SAY IN A AREA THERE ARE NINE HOMES THERE ON HAULED  
9 WATER AND THEY JUST WANT TO BUILD THEIR OWN HOME, THEY SHOULD  
10 BE ABLE TO DO THAT WITH THE FILTRATION AND ET CETERA  
11 REQUIREMENTS THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ARE PUTTING TOGETHER.  
12 BUT I WOULD BE OPPOSED TO HAVING ANY NEW MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS  
13 OF, YOU KNOW, MORE THAN ONE HOME GOING IN WHERE THEY WOULD  
14 HAVE -- RELYING A HUNDRED PERCENT ON HAULED WATER. SO THAT'S  
15 WHAT -- WE'RE KIND OF LOOKING AT THE MOM AND POP WHO IS  
16 BUILDING THEIR HOME.

17  
18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

19  
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

21  
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO ASK FOR A "NO" VOTE ON MR.  
23 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION AND THEN I VOTE ON MY MOTION. I WANT TO  
24 TELL YOU WHY. WE HEARD A DISCUSSION EARLIER TODAY THAT A  
25 NUMBER OF PEOPLE, A LOT OF PEOPLE, HAVE BUILT HOMES, INCLUDING



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1 IN THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, NOT JUST IN THE ANTELOPE  
2 VALLEY, WHERE THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD ENOUGH WATER, WELL WATER,  
3 WHAT HAVE YOU, AND THE WELLS HAVE GONE DRY, FOR WHATEVER  
4 REASON, THEY'VE RUN OUT OF WATER AND NOW WE HAVE HOMES THAT  
5 ARE SITTING THERE WITHOUT WATER SUPPLY. SO MOM AND POP OR NO  
6 MOM AND POP, IT'S A BAD IDEA TO KNOWINGLY, AHEAD OF TIME,  
7 APPROVE A PERMIT FOR A BUILDING OF EVEN ONE HOME WHEN THERE IS  
8 NO -- WHEN YOU ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGE THERE IS NO WATER SUPPLY  
9 COMING FROM THE PROPERTY OR ANY ANY WATER UTILITY PROVIDING IT  
10 AND YOU'RE HAULING IT IN. BUT I WANT TO GO FURTHER THAN THAT.  
11 THERE WERE STATEMENTS MADE EARLIER, AND I DIDN'T GET INTO IT  
12 BECAUSE I THOUGHT WE HAD A COMPROMISE ON IT, BUT LET ME JUST  
13 READ TO YOU FROM A FEBRUARY -- FIRST OF ALL, I REMIND YOU THAT  
14 OUR CURRENT POLICY, OUR CURRENT POLICY IN WRITING SINCE  
15 JANUARY AND BEFORE THAT, IT WAS A PRACTICE, POLICY AND  
16 PRACTICE, WAS NOT TO APPROVE HAULED WATER FOR ANY DEVELOPMENT,  
17 NUMBER ONE. THAT'S SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE ANY DEVIATION FROM THAT  
18 POLICY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL  
19 QUALITY ACT. IS THAT CORRECT, MR. GUTIERREZ?

20

21 **COUNSEL PETER GUTIERREZ:** A CHANGE IN THAT POLICY TO ALLOW FOR  
22 HAULED WATER TO BE USED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION WOULD REQUIRE AN  
23 INITIAL STUDY AND THEN A DETERMINATION OF AN APPROPRIATE  
24 C.E.Q.A. DOCUMENT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU BELIEVE THAT IT IS LIKELY OR PROBABLE  
2 THAT SUCH AN INITIAL STUDY WOULD RESULT IN A REQUIREMENT FOR A  
3 FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON SUCH A POLICY?

4

5 **COUNSEL PETER GUTIERREZ:** BASED ON THE CASE LAW, IT APPEARS  
6 THAT IT WOULD BE LIKELY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD BE LIKELY. AND WOULD THIS BE ONE OF  
9 THESE MOM AND POP ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS? OR WOULD IT BE  
10 EXPENSIVE?

11

12 **COUNSEL PETER GUTIERREZ:** I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST,  
13 BUT THERE ARE GOING TO BE-- SOME SERIOUS ISSUES NEED TO BE  
14 CONSIDERED, THE GROWTH-INDUCING IMPACTS, CUMULATIVE IMPACTS,  
15 COULD BE TRAFFIC IMPACTS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES AROUND THE COUNTY, IS  
18 THAT RIGHT? NOT JUST IN ONE PART.

19

20 **COUNSEL PETER GUTIERREZ:** THAT'S CORRECT BECAUSE IT WOULD APPLY  
21 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SECOND THING-- SO, NUMBER ONE,  
24 MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION PROMOTES A CHANGE IN POLICY, WHICH WE  
25 HAVE NOT AGREED TO, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN RECOMMENDED BY ANY ONE



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1 OF OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND WHICH, IN FACT, IS OPPOSED BY THE  
2 STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WHICH I WILL GET TO IN A MINUTE.  
3 SECONDLY, IF YOU WERE INCLINED, AND I HOPE WE'RE NOT INCLINED  
4 TO MAKE SUCH A CHANGE, BE PREPARED FOR A MAJOR COMPREHENSIVE  
5 OMNIBUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FROM CLAREMONT TO SANTA  
6 MONICA, FROM THE KERN COUNTY LINE ALL THE WAY DOWN TO  
7 CERRITOS. THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE. SECONDLY, I WANT TO  
8 READ YOU FROM THE FEBRUARY -- I DID NOT DISPUTE EARLIER MR.  
9 ANTONOVICH'S STATEMENT THAT THE STATE ALLOWS IT -- OR THAT THE  
10 STATE HASN'T OPPOSED IT. HERE'S WHAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
11 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SAID ON FEBRUARY 7 IN A LETTER  
12 TO ALL COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE  
13 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND I'LL READ YOU THE OPERATIVE SENTENCE.  
14 "THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES," THIS IS OF THE STATE,  
15 "AND THE DIRECTORS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DO NOT SUPPORT THE  
16 USE OF IRRIGATION DITCH WATER, HAULED WATER FROM ANY SOURCE,  
17 OR SIMILAR UNACCEPTABLE SOURCES OF WATER FOR ANY NEW  
18 CONSTRUCTION AND REQUEST THAT THIS PRACTICE BE ELIMINATED".  
19 THAT'S THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
20 HEALTH OFFICER. NOW, THERE ARE -- MR. ANTONOVICH SAID EARLIER  
21 THAT THIS IS DONE ALL OVER THE STATE. I'VE SINCE ASCERTAINED  
22 THAT THERE ARE THREE COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA THAT ALLOW ANY  
23 KIND OF HAULED WATER. ONE IS KERN COUNTY, WHICH ALLOWS HAULED  
24 WATER FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, RIGHT? ONE IS CALAVERAS COUNTY,  
25 WHICH ALLOWS HAULED WATER ONLY FOR PROVIDING FOR PROPERTIES





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1 WHERE THE WELLS HAVE RUN DRY, AND THE THIRD ONE IS SAN  
2 BERNARDINO COUNTY IN SOME VERY LIMITED, EVEN MORE LIMITED THAN  
3 CALAVERAS COUNTY. SO, OTHERWISE, 55 COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA DO  
4 NOT ALLOW HAULED WATER, INCLUDING THIS ONE. THE ONES THAT DO,  
5 DO IT ON A VERY LIMITED BASIS. WHAT I PROPOSED EARLIER AS A  
6 COMPROMISE WAS TO ALLOW TO DEAL WITH THE ONES THAT HAVE HAD  
7 THE WELLS RUN DRY, AND THAT'S AS FAR AS WE SHOULD GO. AND I'VE  
8 GOT -- I MEAN, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WOULD ARGUE ABOUT THAT BUT  
9 I THINK IT'S -- YOU KNOW, THAT'S A MOM AND POP THAT I CAN HAVE  
10 SYMPATHY FOR, BUT IF SOMEBODY WHO WALKS IN AND BUYS A PIECE  
11 OF, A PARCEL OF LAND IN TOPANGA CANYON, WHICH IS WORTH NEXT TO  
12 NOTHING BECAUSE THERE'S NO WATER SUPPLY, AND THEN COMES IN  
13 HERE AND IS ABLE TO BULLY A HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL OR ONE  
14 OF MY DEPUTIES OR ONE OF THE PLANNING DEPUTIES TO GIVE THEM A  
15 PERMIT TO BUILD SOMETHING AND SUDDENLY A PIECE OF PROPERTY  
16 THAT'S WORTH \$50,000 IS NOW WORTH \$5 MILLION OR \$500,000,  
17 DEPENDING ON THE SIZE AND THE VIEW, BECAUSE THEY PROMISED  
18 THEY'RE GOING TO GET HAULED WATER. THAT'S JUST BAD PUBLIC  
19 POLICY AND IF YOU START DOING THIS IN THE SANTA MONICA  
20 MOUNTAINS OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE COUNTY, YOU ARE INDUCING  
21 MASSIVE GROWTH, YOU ARE, WITH A STROKE OF THE PEN, GIVING--  
22 INCREASING MANY FOLD, INCREASING THE WEALTH AND THE VALUE OF  
23 THESE PROPERTIES, AND PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT THESE PROPERTIES IN  
24 THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE WITH NO WATER SUPPLY, EITHER THEY DIDN'T  
25 KNOW WHAT THEY WERE DOING OR THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE



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1 DOING. AND, IN EITHER CASE, WE SHOULDN'T BAIL THEM OUT. I'VE  
2 MADE MISTAKES IN INVESTMENTS AND NOBODY BAILED ME OUT. AND IF  
3 YOU GO OUT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE MOJAVE DESERT AND BUY A  
4 PIECE OF PROPERTY FOR YOUR DREAM HOUSE AND THERE'S NO WATER  
5 SOURCE, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT WHEN THE COUNTY HAS A POLICY THAT  
6 SAYS WE DON'T ALLOW HAULED WATER WHEN THE STATE SAYS YOU  
7 SHOULDN'T ALLOW HAULED WATER AND THAT SORT OF THING? SO THAT'S  
8 MY POINT. SO IF YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO THE COMPROMISE, I'M  
9 WILLING TO DO THAT. OTHERWISE, I WOULD JUST ASK THAT MY  
10 COLLEAGUES VOTE "NO" ON THE AMENDMENT AND "YES" ON MY MOTION

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY THE MOJAVE DESERT...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S CONFUSION IN OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
17 AND THAT IS A PROBLEM AND WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS -- WE'VE GOT  
18 TO GET THIS FIGURED, NOT FIGURED OUT, WE'VE GOT TO GET  
19 EVERYBODY ON THE SAME PAGE AND THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION WAS  
20 INTENDED TO DO.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE JUST A COUPLE QUESTIONS. IF A PERSON BUYS A  
23 LOT AND IT'S IN A SUBDIVISION AND THERE'S WATER BUT THEY --  
24 AND SO EVERYONE BUILDS BUT THIS PERSON DOES NOT BUILD OR



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1 DELAYS THEIR BUILDING AND, WHEN THEY GET READY TO BUILD, THERE  
2 IS NO WATER, IT'S DRY. HOW IS THAT TREATED IN YOUR AMENDMENT?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, IN MY AMENDMENT, YOU WOULDN'T  
5 HAVE THAT KIND OF SITUATION BECAUSE, IF IT'S A SUBDIVISION,  
6 AND I THINK MR. ANTONOVICH WOULD EVEN AGREE TO THIS, WHEN  
7 THERE'S A SUBDIVISION AND THERE'S A WATER SUPPLY, THERE'S A  
8 WATER MAIN AND IT'S A WATER UTILITY OR ONE OF OUR WATER  
9 DISTRICTS. THE PROBLEM...

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY DON'T HAVE WELL WATER IN ANY SUBDIVISIONS?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I GUESS THEY COULD HYPOTHETICALLY.  
14 THEY COULDN'T? OR MUNICIPAL.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. SO YOU HAVE WELL WATER. FOR INSTANCE, AND I  
17 KNOW IN BIG BEAR, I THINK, YOU HAVE WELL WATER, AND VARIOUS  
18 PLACES LIKE THAT. SO YOU HAVE WELL WATER, YOU HAVE YOUR LOT  
19 AND, FOR SOME REASON, YOU DON'T BUILD ON IT AND THEN THE WELLS  
20 ARE DRY AND YOU DON'T HAVE A WELL AND YOU'RE NOT A PERSON  
21 COMING IN WHO -- YOU PAID WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE PAID AND YOU  
22 EXPECTED TO HAVE WATER; THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU DON'T HAVE  
23 WATER. IT SEEMS TO ME SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE FOR THAT  
24 PERSON. AND HERE'S THE OTHER QUESTION I HAVE. WHY DON'T THEY  
25 MAKE THE HAULED WATER, WHY ISN'T THERE REGULATION OF HAULED



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1 WATER? I MEAN, WE -- ALL OF US ARE DRINKING HAULED WATER TO A  
2 CERTAIN EXTENT. WHY DON'T THEY HAVE SOME REGULATION OF THESE  
3 COMPANIES THAT HAUL WATER? AND IS THERE SOMETHING MOVING AS  
4 FAR AS REGULATING THEM AND LICENSING THEM AND REQUIRING  
5 STANDARDS ON HAULED WATER? IT SEEMS TO ME, IN THIS DAY AND  
6 TIME YOU WOULD DO THAT, PARTICULARLY WITH SOME OF THE ISSUES  
7 PEOPLE ARE FACED WITH NOW IN TERMS OF DRY WELLS. IS THERE -- I  
8 REALLY WANT TO KNOW, WHY DON'T THEY REGULATE HAULED WATER?

9

10 **COUNSEL PETER GUTIERREZ:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WATER  
11 HAULERS ARE REGULATED BY THE STATE, SO, I THINK...

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** IN TERMS OF THEIR QUALITY? I THOUGHT...

14

15 **COUNSEL PETER GUTIERREZ:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT'S IN TERMS OF  
16 THE QUALITY BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT...

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR HEALTH. THEY REGULATE IT BECAUSE, DURING  
19 THE EARTHQUAKE, WE BRING IN HAULED WATER. THAT'S WHAT SERVICED  
20 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY IN THE LAST EARTHQUAKE. THOSE OF US  
21 IN THE MILITARY, WE DRINK HAULED WATER WHEN WE'RE ON BIVOUAC.  
22 THEY HAVE WATER IN THOSE VEHICLES THAT THEY SEND TO THE TROOPS  
23 WHEN YOU'RE ON BIVOUAC.

24



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THOMAS \_\_\_\_\_, YOU WANT TO SIT  
2   DOWN THERE? WE MIGHT HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VENDING HAULED WATER IS NOT A NEW INVENTION.  
5   IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR DECADES.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I MEAN, I GUESS, MIKE, ARE YOU  
8   SAYING, THEN, AS COUNTY COUNSEL, TO FOLLOW UP ON YVONNE'S  
9   QUESTION, THAT, IF A PERSON HAD THIS LOT AND WANTED TO BUILD  
10   THEIR HOME AND, YOU KNOW, THEY BROUGHT IN HAULED WATER, HAD  
11   THIS FILTRATION SYSTEM, THAT WOULD REQUIRE A FULL-BLOWN  
12   E.I.R.?

13

14   **COUNSEL PETER GUTIERREZ:** CURRENTLY, UNDER THE POLICY AS IT  
15   CURRENTLY EXISTS, HAULED WATER IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SOURCE OF  
16   POTABLE WATER FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION. IN ORDER TO CHANGE THAT  
17   POLICY TO ALLOW HAULED WATER TO BE USED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION,  
18   THAT IS THE DECISION THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE ANALYSIS UNDER  
19   C.E.Q.A. BECAUSE, ONCE THAT DECISION IS MADE, THEN, WHEN FOLKS  
20   COME IN TO GET THEIR BUILDING PERMITS TO BUILD THEIR HOMES,  
21   THAT WOULD BE A MINISTERIAL APPROVAL. SO, AT THAT POINT, THERE  
22   WOULDN'T BE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. THE ONLY ENVIRONMENTAL  
23   REVIEW OF THE POLICY CHANGE COULD OCCUR OR CAN OCCUR AT THE  
24   TIME THAT THE POLICY IS BEING ADOPTED. SO PEOPLE COMING IN...

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO IT'S NOT THE SPECIFIC HOUSE BEING BUILT,  
2    IT'S A OVERALL POLICY AND, IF SOMEONE CAME IN...

3

4    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ...TO DO THAT TODAY,

5

6    **COUNSEL PETER GUTIERREZ:** THAT'S CORRECT BECAUSE THAT WOULD  
7    BE... THERE'S -- THE POLICY DOESN'T EXIST TO ALLOW THEM TO DO  
8    ANYTHING?

9

10   **COUNSEL PETER GUTIERREZ:** THAT'S CORRECT, BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE  
11   THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE  
12   OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE DECISION TO CHANGE  
13   THE POLICY.

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND WE HAVE -- MR. HOGAN, RIGHT, FROM

16

17   **TOM HOGAN:** IT'S TOM HOGAN, ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT THE  
18   PUBLIC WORKS. ANY QUESTIONS?

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT AWARE, MR. HOGAN, AS LONG AS YOU'RE  
21   THERE, I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY CASE WHERE, BACK TO MS. BURKE'S  
22   FIRST QUESTION, WHERE A SUBDIVISION HAS BEEN APPROVED BASED ON  
23   WELL WATER WHERE 90 HOMES HAVE BEEN BUILT ON A 92-UNIT -- 92-  
24   LOT SUBDIVISION, TWO UNITS DIDN'T GET BUILT FOR A FEW YEARS.



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1 IN THE MEANTIME, THE WELL RUNS DRY. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY  
2 SITUATION LIKE THAT?

3

4 **TOM HOGAN:** I'M NOT AWARE OF THAT SITUATION.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM, AS FAR AS I CAN  
7 SEE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** SO-- BUT YOU WOULD PROTECT SOMEONE IN THAT CASE?  
10 BECAUSE, WAIT A MINUTE, IT'S NOT JUST WELLS. THERE ARE PEOPLE  
11 WHO ARE DEPENDING ON WATER COMING FROM A PARTICULAR AQUEDUCT  
12 AND I CAN'T REMEMBER THE ONE WHERE THERE'S A BIG FIGHT NOW IN  
13 TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT THAT'S GOING TO BE AVAILABLE. I GUESS  
14 IT'S OUT, WHAT IS THAT, OUT IN LANCASTER OR SOMEWHERE, OR IN -  
15 - NO, IT'S CLOSER TO -- IT'S ROBERTS AREA, RIGHT? MAYOR  
16 ROBERTS, IN HIS AREA...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LANCASTER.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. WHERE THEY'RE HAVING THIS BIG FIGHT IN  
21 TERMS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE WATER THROUGH THE AQUEDUCT OR  
22 SOMETHING. NO, IT'S COMING FROM A LAKE. IT'S LAKE...[LIGHT  
23 LAUGHTER] I HAVE...

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT.





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2 **SUP. BURKE:** I LOST MY...

3

4 **TOM HOGAN:** LAKE LOS ANGELES?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** IS IT LAKE LOS...

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO, LAKE LOS ANGELES IS NOT-- THAT'S  
9 DESERT. THERE'S NO LAKE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, NO, IT'S A LAKE BUT IT'S A LAKE THAT WAS  
12 SERVICING AND IT'S INVOLVING EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE AND IT'S  
13 INVOLVING A LOT OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE ON THIS ISSUE. SO, I MEAN,  
14 IT'S -- BUT YOU AREN'T TRYING TO DO THAT TO SOMEONE WHO HAS  
15 DEPENDED ON WATER AND THEN THEY CAN'T...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NO. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS  
18 SPECIFICALLY...

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT DOESN'T APPLY TO  
21 THEM. [INAUDIBLE] THAT'S DIFFERENT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY CONCERN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY  
24 CONCERN, MS. BURKE, IS NEW DEVELOPMENT, A NEW HOUSE THAT  
25 DOESN'T HAVE ANY OTHER SOURCE OF WATER THAT COMES IN AND SAYS,



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1 "I HAVE MY SOURCE, IT'S THE A AND B TRUCK-HAULING COMPANY FROM  
2 TORRANCE AND WE'RE GOING TO HAUL IT UP THERE TO TOPANGA EVERY  
3 DAY." YOU DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE GUY'S GOING TO BE IN  
4 BUSINESS, YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THE WATER IS COMING FROM. IT  
5 MAY BE COMING FROM THE FIRE HYDRANT. IT'S ALL KINDS OF STUFF  
6 LIKE THAT. IT'S JUST -- AND IT'S GROWTH- INDUCING IN A WAY  
7 THAT WE NEVER ANTICIPATED. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH DEALING WITH  
8 THE EXISTING FOLKS WHO HAVE RUN OUT OF WATER AND THE COUNTY  
9 COUNSEL HAS OPINED THAT THAT IS NOT A C.E.Q.A. ISSUE, THAT NEW  
10 CONSTRUCTION IS WHERE THE THRESHOLD IS. AND OUR ORIGINAL  
11 ACTION EARLIER THIS MORNING -- OR THIS AFTERNOON WOULD HAVE  
12 ACCOMPLISHED THAT.

13  
14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME JUST POINT OUT THAT  
15 MOJAVE DESERT IS IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND, AS YOU STATED,  
16 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DOES ALLOW HAULED WATER. THAT'S NOT LOS  
17 ANGELES COUNTY. WRIGHTWOOD'S PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUT  
18 NOT THE MOJAVE DESERT. AND IMPERIAL VALLEY IS ANOTHER COUNTY  
19 THAT HAS HAULED WATER AND I'M SURE THERE'S OTHERS AS WELL.  
20 BUT, TO PUBLIC WORKS, ARE THERE CASES WHERE THE COUNTY HAS  
21 APPROVED A SUBDIVISION AND NOW WE ARE WITHHOLDING THE ISSUANCE  
22 OF A BUILDING PERMIT DUE TO A RELUCTANCE UPON HAULED WATER?

23  
24 **TOM HOGAN:** LIKE I TESTIFIED BEFORE, I'M NOT AWARE OF THAT  
25 HAPPENING. TO RECORD A MAP AND TO CREATE A PARCEL AND



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1 SUBDIVISION, THE COUNTY, THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS, THE HEALTH  
2 DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S A  
3 RELIABLE SUPPLY OF WATER, A WATER COMPANY OR WHATEVER IT IS  
4 BUT THEY HAVE TO HAVE A VERIFIABLE WATER SUPPLY BEFORE WE'LL  
5 APPROVE THE MAP.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN THE COUNTY APPROVE THE CREATION OF A  
8 LEGAL LOT AND THEN REFUSE THE ISSUE OF A BUILDING PERMIT?

9

10 **TOM HOGAN:** NOW BEFORE YOU -- BEFORE A BUILDING PERMIT IS  
11 ISSUED, THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT WILL -- WE WILL, OF COURSE,  
12 CHECK WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO  
13 MAKE SURE THAT THAT WATER SUPPLY IS VIABLE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SEE, I AGREE THAT MASS DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD  
16 NOT BE APPROVED WITHOUT WATER. BUT, IF YOU HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL  
17 WHO BUILDS A HOME IN AN AREA WHERE THERE ARE 10 OTHER HOMES  
18 THAT HAVE HAULED WATER, I DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD BE  
19 DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. AND THAT'S WHAT THE AMENDMENT TO THIS  
20 MOTION IS DOING. WE'RE ALSO HAVING THE DEPARTMENT COME BACK  
21 AND HAVING PUBLIC HEARINGS IN OUR DISTRICTS ARE A POSITIVE  
22 RESPONSE TO A SERIOUS ISSUE. THIS CHANGE IN POLICY WAS DONE  
23 WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS. I THINK THAT WAS WRONG. THIS IS A  
24 CHANGE...

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** POLICY NEVER CHANGED, MIKE.

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE POLICY...

4

5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE POLICY HAS NOT BEEN ENFORCED EQUITABLY,  
6    THAT'S ALL.

7

8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WHY DON'T WE JUST ASK THE QUESTION?

9

10    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST OF ALL, THE POLICY HAS BEEN CHANGED  
11    BECAUSE YOU HAVE THIS SITUATION THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY AS  
12    A RESULT OF THAT. THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE BUT  
13    IT SAID A REQUEST, IT WAS NOT A MANDATE, AND EVERY COUNTY IS  
14    INTERPRETING IT DIFFERENTLY. BUT HAVING ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS  
15    COME TOGETHER AND RESOLVE THIS ISSUE THROUGH PUBLIC HEARINGS  
16    IS THE PROPER WAY OF DOING IT AND THERE OUGHT TO BE A  
17    THRESHOLD, AS I SAID. NO MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, BUT IF A MOM AND  
18    POP WANTS TO BUILD THEIR HOME IN AN AREA WHERE THEY HAVE  
19    HAULED WATER, THEN SO BE IT, AND THIS FILTRATION SYSTEM IS A  
20    POSITIVE STEP FORWARD, AS THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO RECOMMENDING  
21    IN THEIR JANUARY 20TH LETTER TO US TODAY AND THEY'RE TALKING  
22    ABOUT COMING BACK TO THE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 29TH. "WE PLAN TO  
23    OBTAIN REVIEW AND INPUT ON THE DRAFT AND EXPECT TO FINALIZE IT  
24    FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY FEBRUARY 29TH TO CLARIFY AND SIMPLIFY  
25    THE WELL-YIELD TESTING STANDARDS...", YOU KNOW.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LET ME ASK PUBLIC WORKS AND COUNTY COUNSEL.  
3 I MEAN, IS THIS A CHANGE? I MEAN, MIKE'S SAYING IT IS A CHANGE  
4 AND ZEV IS SAYING THERE'S NO CHANGE. I MEAN, WHY ARE WE  
5 DEBATING IT?

6

7 **TOM HOGAN:** WELL, IT APPEARS TO BE A CHANGE BECAUSE THE POLICY,  
8 AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS, DOES NOT -- THE WRITTEN POLICY, WHICH  
9 WAS A REFLECTION OF WHAT THE DEPARTMENTS WERE SAYING WAS THE  
10 PRACTICE AND THE POLICY THAT SIMPLY HAD NOT BEEN REDUCED TO  
11 WRITING, DOESN'T ALLOW HAULED WATER TO BE USED FOR NEW  
12 CONSTRUCTION. THAT BEING THE CASE, TO CHANGE THAT POLICY,  
13 THEN, WOULD HAVE CERTAIN RAMIFICATIONS THAT WOULD NEED TO BE  
14 ADDRESSED, AT LEAST THROUGH AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, I UNDERSTAND, BUT THAT'S A CHANGE TO  
17 ALLOW HAULED WATER.

18

19 **TOM HOGAN:** CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTOOD MR. ANTONOVICH TO BE SAYING  
22 THAT THE CHANGE TO NOT ALLOW IT IS A CHANGE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT WAS THE ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED...

2

3    **TOM HOGAN:** THAT IS NOT WHAT...

4

5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S THAT HE SAYS BUT IT'S NOT A CHANGE.

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN THEY PUT IT IN WRITING-- RIGHT. BUT WHAT  
8    I SAID IS...

9

10    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET CLEAR  
11    BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE DEBATING THE ISSUE. I'M TRYING TO ASK  
12    COUNTY COUNSEL AND PUBLIC WORKS...

13

14    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS NOT IN WRITING BEFORE, WAS IT NOT?

15

16    **TOM HOGAN:** IT WAS NOT IN WRITING.

17

18    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, SO IT WAS NOT IN WRITING. SO YOU HAD A  
19    VERY ARBITRARY SYSTEM. IT WAS NOT IN WRITING. IT WAS  
20    ARBITRARY. THEY PUT IT IN WRITING WITHOUT GOING THROUGH A  
21    PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS, AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE DISCUSSING THIS  
22    TODAY.

23

24    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, THAT'S NOT WHY WE'RE DISCUSSING IT  
25    TODAY. WE'RE DISCUSSING IT TODAY IS BECAUSE YOU INVITED A



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1 BUNCH OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND RALLIED THEM ALL ABOUT. THAT'S  
2 WHY WE'RE DISCUSSING IT TODAY. THE FACT IS, THE PRACTICE...

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WISH-- YOU SHOULD ATTEND A PUBLIC  
5 HEARING... SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: LET ME FINISH. THE PRACTICE WAS,  
6 THE PRACTICE BEFORE IT WAS IN WRITING IN JANUARY HAS BEEN NOT  
7 TO ALLOW HAULED WATER. 55 OUT OF 58 COUNTIES DO NOT ALLOW  
8 HAULED WATER. 55 -- AND THE THREE WHO DO, DO IT ON A VERY  
9 LIMITED, VERY LIMITED BASIS. SO IMPERIAL COUNTY, WHICH IS IN  
10 THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT, DOES NOT ALLOW IT. RIVERSIDE COUNTY,  
11 IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT, DOES NOT ALLOW IT. ALL OF THESE  
12 COUNTIES ALL OVER THE STATE THAT HAVE WATER PROBLEMS AND ARID  
13 CHARACTERISTICS DO NOT ALLOW IT. SO IT WAS CONSISTENT WITH OUR  
14 POLICY. WE PUT IT IN WRITING, I SUSPECT BECAUSE, AND I DON'T  
15 KNOW WHETHER THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT  
16 BEING EVENLY ENFORCED, BECAUSE CERTAIN PEOPLE WHO CAME IN FOR  
17 BUILDING PERMITS GOT BUILDING PERMITS WHEN THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE  
18 GOT THEM, LIKE YOUR HYPOTHETICAL OR REAL EXAMPLE OF 10 HOMES  
19 SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THOSE BUILDING PERMITS. I HAVE SOME IN  
20 MY DISTRICT THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THEM. AND WE DON'T HAVE  
21 TO GO INTO ALL THE REASONS WHY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND THE  
22 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ISSUES PERMITS WHEN THEY SHOULDN'T BE  
23 ISSUED. THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE. BUT THE POLICY OF THIS  
24 DEPARTMENT, AND IF FIELDING WAS STILL HERE, HE'D TELL YOU, HE  
25 SAID IT THIS MORNING, HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT POLICY. THEY PUT IT





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1 IN WRITING IN JANUARY. AND I'LL TELL YOU THAT, IF YOU WANT TO  
2 GO CHANGE THAT POLICY, BE PREPARED FOR AN E.I.R. THAT'S WHAT  
3 IT IS. JUST BECAUSE WE'VE MADE MISTAKES AS A COUNTY, JUST AS  
4 IT WAS WHEN I WAS WITH THE CITY WHEN IT ISSUED PERMITS  
5 ERRONEOUSLY, DOESN'T MEAN YOU DON'T END UP HAVE HAVING TO FIX  
6 IT IN SOME FASHION AND THIS WOULD BE A CHANGE IN POLICY. AND  
7 IT'S BEEN OUR POLICY AT LEAST FOR A YEAR IN WRITING AND IT WAS  
8 A PRACTICE PRIOR TO THAT FOR GOD KNOWS HOW LONG.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS NOT WRITTEN PRIOR TO THAT AND, WHEN  
11 THEY DID WRITE IT IS WHEN...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS WRITTEN. I SAID IT WAS A  
14 PRACTICE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. LET'S COME TO SOME  
17 AGREEMENT ON THIS THING HERE BECAUSE I'M GETTING THIRSTY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO I'D LIKE TO MOVE THE APPROVAL OF THE  
20 AMENDMENT...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. OKAY. I WOULD ASK FOR A "NO" VOTE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, I'LL SECOND THE AMENDMENT. WE'LL DO A  
25 ROLL CALL.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION TO  
3 RECONSIDER ITEM NUMBER 2?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ALREADY RECONSIDERED IT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE ALREADY RECONSIDERED.

8

9 **TOM HOGAN:** WAS THERE A VOTE ON THE RECONSIDERATION?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** NO.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS A SO ORDERED.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I JUST MOVED IT. NO OBJECTION.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THE -- GO AHEAD.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I MEAN, WE CAN HAVE ROLL CALL ON THE  
20 RECONSIDERATION IF YOU WANT TO DO THAT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** NO ONE OBJECTED. GO AHEAD. **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO,  
23 GO AHEAD.

24



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO ONE OBJECTED. OKAY. THIS IS A MOTION ON  
2   THE AMENDMENT -- I MEAN, A VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT. ROLL CALL.

3

4   **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT HE'S TRYING TO GET  
5   AT.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE AMENDMENT IS TO REQUEST PUBLIC HEARINGS  
8   AND TO REQUEST THAT THE HEALTH SERVICES, WORKING WITH  
9   DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE, AND THE  
10   COUNTY COUNSEL TO CONDUCT AT LEAST TWO COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO  
11   DISCUSS ANY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY'S HAULED WATER  
12   POLICY. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE  
13   ADVANCE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN, LIKE, TWO  
14   WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THOSE HEARINGS. AND THE SECOND ONE IS JUST  
15   TO DELETE THE SECOND SENTENCE OF ZEV'S FIRST "I FURTHER  
16   MOVE"...

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH IS THE GUTS OF IT.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THAT THIS MOVE WOULD RECOMMEND PROCEDURES  
21   TO ENSURE CONSISTENT ENFORCEMENT OF THE JOINT POLICY BY ALL  
22   INVOLVED DEPARTMENTS, PERIOD.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THE PROBLEM -- DO YOU HAVE A COPY OF  
25   THAT MOTION? IS THAT THE SAME MOTION THAT YOU HAD BEFORE?



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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THE PROBLEM IS NOT THE PUBLIC HEARING  
5 PIECE OF IT, AS I SAID EARLIER TODAY. THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM.  
6 THE PROBLEM IS, "PROCEDURES TO ENSURE CONSISTENT..." DELETING  
7 WHAT I HAVE IN HERE, WHICH IS TO BASICALLY SAY THAT...

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE SECOND SENTENCE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH SAYS -- WHICH ADDRESSES THE EXISTING  
12 POLICY AND IF YOU WANT TO TAKE OUT MY SECOND SENTENCE AND JUST  
13 SAY "EXISTING POLICY SHALL BE ENFORCED", THAT'S FINE WITH ME.  
14 BUT THIS -- WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS YOU'RE MAKING A POLICY  
15 STATEMENT THAT THE EXISTING POLICY IS NOT TO BE ENFORCED AND  
16 YOU'RE LEAVING -- YOU'RE CREATING AN AMBIGUITY, WHICH IS WHAT  
17 GOT US TO HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE. YOU'VE GOT ONE HOMEOWNER,  
18 ONE DEVELOPER, ONE PROPERTY OWNER WALKING INTO A DEPARTMENT  
19 AND GETTING A PERMIT AND ANOTHER ONE BEING TOLD "NO". AND  
20 THERE'S GOT TO BE -- AND WE DO HAVE A POLICY, IT'S IN WRITING,  
21 IT HAS BEEN FOR A YEAR AND IT'S BEEN A PRACTICE FOR FOREVER  
22 BEFORE THAT AND WE OUGHT TO STICK TO IT. AND IF YOU DON'T,  
23 THEN I WANT TO, ONCE AGAIN, IF THIS POLICY IS CHANGED, MR.  
24 GUTIERREZ, BEFORE THIS CHANGE, IF MR. ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT  
25 PASSES, WOULD IT BE YOUR ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



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1 THAT, BEFORE -- OR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT, BEFORE IT  
2 IMPLEMENTS THIS CHANGE, THAT THEY GO OUT, DO AN INITIAL STUDY  
3 AND COMPLY WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT?

4

5 **PETER GUTIERREZ:** YES, I THINK THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO  
6 DO THAT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEN YOU SAID EARLIER THAT IT WOULD BE  
9 LIKELY THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
10 REPORT, THEY WOULD NOT GET AWAY WITH JUST A NEGATIVE DEC.

11

12 **PETER GUTIERREZ:** IT'S LIKELY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LIKELY. SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING. NOW, IN  
15 THE COMPROMISE I OFFERED EARLIER TODAY, MR. CHAIRMAN, I SAID  
16 WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD THEIR WELLS RUN DRY  
17 BUT, ON NEW CONSTRUCTION, NO. LET'S NOT GO DOWN THAT ROAD.  
18 THAT'S A CHANGE IN THE POLICY OF THIS COUNTY AND, IF IT IS,  
19 THEN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE -- YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LAWSUIT ON  
20 YOUR HANDS IF YOU DON'T...

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I MEAN, YOU-- BUT, BASICALLY, UNDER  
23 EXISTING POLICY, PEOPLE WOULD BE GRANDFATHERED IN ANYWAY. IS  
24 THAT CORRECT? I MEAN...

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. PERSON LIKE THE EXAMPLE I GAVE, THEY'D BE  
2   GRANDFATHERED IN?

3

4   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LIKE SHE GAVE OR LIKE THE ONE I GAVE.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT QUESTION.  
7   WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

8

9   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I MEAN, YOU KNOW, I GUESS I DON'T  
10   UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU SAY THAT WE'RE CHANGING POLICY.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE CHANGE IS THAT WE WILL NOT ALLOW...

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'RE NOT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW NEW  
15   CONSTRUCTION UNDER SOMEBODY THAT BUYS A NEW PIECE OF  
16   PROPERTY...

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE. LET...

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SORRY.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ALLOWING NEW  
25   DEVELOPMENTS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LET ME GET...

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A PERSON WHO WANTS TO  
5 BUILD A HOME. FINE. YOU CAN HAVE A THRESHOLD AND THEY'RE GOING  
6 TO COME BACK AND REPORT TO US IS WHAT WE'RE SAYING.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, BUT NOT SOMEBODY THAT BUYS IT  
9 TOMORROW.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THESE ARE EXISTING PROPERTY OWNERS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S NEW CONSTRUCTION. SOMEBODY'S  
16 WHO'S OWNED -- YOU HAVE THOUSANDS OF PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BEEN  
17 OWNED BY PEOPLE, SINGLE-FAMILY, SINGLE PROPERTY, SINGLE  
18 PARCELS...

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, BUT NOT THOUSANDS FOR HAULED WATER.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE DON'T KNOW. I'VE GOT A DOZEN IN TOPANGA  
23 CANYON RIGHT NOW THAT ARE PROBABLY WATCHING THIS WITH BATED  
24 BREATH. THAT'S EXACTLY WHY THIS IS -- THAT'S WHY I'M SO  
25 FOCUSED ON THIS. IT MAY NOT BE AN ISSUE IN LANCASTER BUT IT'S





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1 AN ISSUE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY, AND WE ARE CHANGING THE  
2 -- THIS MOTION CHANGES THE COUNTY POLICY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU THINK THIS MOTION CHANGES THE COUNTY  
5 POLICY? I MEAN, I DON'T...

6

7 **PETER GUTIERREZ:** I WOULDN'T SAY THAT THE MOTION CHANGES THE  
8 COUNTY POLICY. I DON'T THINK THE COUNTY POLICY COULD BE  
9 CHANGED WITHOUT SOME ADDITIONAL PROCESS, SO...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT LEADS TO THE NEXT STEP. IT'S THE  
12 FIRST STEP TOWARDS CHANGING THAT POLICY. OTHERWISE...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHY DO WE NEED THE MOTION?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...WHY DO WE NEED THE MOTION?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S HAVING PUBLIC HEARINGS AND HAVING THE  
19 ISSUE RESOLVED BY THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE PUBLIC  
22 HEARINGS. TAKE OUT THE OTHER SENTENCE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WHY DON'T WE JUST DO THE PUBLIC  
25 HEARINGS AND COME BACK?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PARDON?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, TAKE THE REST OF IT OUT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE...

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHERE WE WERE EARLIER.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE WE WANT THAT. WE WANT THE PUBLIC  
11 HEARINGS BUT WE ALSO DON'T WANT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AN  
12 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS BUILDING HIS OR HER HOME. I HAVE NO PROBLEM  
13 IN PREVENTING MASS DEVELOPMENTS. THAT'S NO PROBLEM.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS THE  
18 PROPERTY AND WANTS TO BUILD HIS HOME OR HER HOME. THEY SHOULD  
19 NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE COMPROMISE MIGHT BE SOMETHING LIKE  
24 THIS. THE FACT IS THAT SOMEBODY WHO IS GOING TO BUILD THEIR  
25 HOME IS NOT GOING TO BE DISCRIMINATED BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO



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1 ASK FOR A PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS THAT SHOULD BE DONE IN A  
2 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S NOT A TWO-YEAR PUBLIC HEARING.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S RIGHT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, ABSOLUTELY.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO YOU GO AHEAD WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING  
13 PROCESS AND YOU COME BACK TO US...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE YOU GO.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ...AS IT RELATES TO WHETHER OR NOT WE NEED  
18 TO DEAL WITH YOUR MOTION OR WHETHER OR NOT WE NEED TO DEAL  
19 WITH ZEV'S MOTION.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT I'M SUGGESTING -- BUT IN THE  
22 MEANTIME, I THINK WHAT YOU'RE LEADING TO IS WHERE WE WERE  
23 EARLIER TODAY. GO AHEAD WITH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS PORTION OF  
24 MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, LET THAT AMEND MY MOTION. AND, IN THE  
25 MEANTIME, WHEN THEY COME BACK WITH THEIR REPORT AND THEN THE



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1 BOARD DECIDES WHAT THE POLICY IS GOING TO BE, THE BOARD MAY  
2 DECIDE IT WANTS TO CHANGE THE POLICY, IT MAY DECIDE NOT TO,  
3 THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT. BUT, IN THE MEANTIME...

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BUT AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND IT MAY BE THAT WE CHANGE THE POLICY  
10 AFTER THAT POINT?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF THE BOARD CHOOSE TO, THAT'S RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I WOULD MOVE...

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU AGREED TO THAT, MIKE?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I AGREE WITH IT EXCEPT FOR THE SECOND  
21 SENTENCE IN "I FURTHER MOVE," WHICH WE WERE TAKING OUT...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WHAT IS WRONG...

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...WHICH SAYS WE'RE CREATING A POLICY THAT  
2   SAYS-- SHOULD CLARIFY THAT, "MAY ONLY BE USED DURING  
3   CONSTRUCTION AND SHOULD INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF  
4   THE POLICY ONCE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED".

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT PREJUDGES...

7

8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT PREJUDGES THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...WHAT THE PUBLIC HEARING IS ALL ABOUT.

11

12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, THAT'S PREJUDGING THAT.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, YOU'RE PREJUDGING IT.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO, YOU'RE PREJUDGING IT BECAUSE YOU'RE  
17   SAYING...

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I'M JUST...

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...IT MAY ONLY BE USED...

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL TELL YOU WHAT. I'LL MAKE A SUGGESTION.  
24   HOW ABOUT IF WE SAY THIS?

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE CROSS THE WHOLE DAMN THING  
2    OUT.

3

4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THESE PROCEDURES SHOULD CLARIFY THAT HAULED  
5    WATER ONLY BE USED DURING CONSTRUCTION, THAT HAULED WATER BE  
6    CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING COUNTY POLICY. HOW IS THAT? THAT  
7    WATER CAN ONLY BE HAULED...

8

9    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHY ARE YOU SHAKING YOUR HEAD IF IT'S  
10    CONSISTENT?

11

12    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE...

13

14    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING  
15    PROCESS TO EVALUATE IT, TO REPORT BACK, TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT  
16    YOU WANT TO CHANGE THE POLICY.

17

18    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CURRENTLY YOU HAVE A POLICY THAT SAYS NO  
19    HAULED WATER.

20

21    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CURRENTLY YOU HAVE A POLICY IN PLACE.

22

23    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO MATTER HOW YOU CUT IT.

24

25    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, AND EVERYBODY'S AGREED TO THAT.



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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THERE SHOULD BE PUBLIC HEARINGS...

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...TO REVIEW THAT AND COME BACK WITH  
5 RECOMMENDATIONS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT DON'T TAKE OUT THE SENTENCE THAT -- THE  
8 OTHER PART OF YOUR MOTION, BECAUSE THE OTHER PART OF YOUR  
9 MOTION SAYS THAT THE EXISTING POLICY IS TO BE DISREGARDED, AND  
10 THAT'S WHAT -- THAT'S WHERE I GOT A PROBLEM. THAT'S WHERE WE  
11 ALL HAVE -- WE SHOULD HAVE A PROBLEM. IT'S AN ENVIRONMENTAL  
12 ISSUE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT SEE, RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE TRYING TO CHANGE  
15 THAT AND WE'RE TRYING TO SAY LET THE PUBLIC HEARING...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I'M NOT!

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...PROCESS BRING IN A POLICY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MIKE, I'M NOT TRYING TO CHANGE IT. YOU HAVE  
22 A DARN REPORT HERE, A POLICY IN JANUARY OF 2003 THAT SAYS  
23 THAT'S OUR POLICY. AND IT'S A REITERATION... **SUP. ANTONOVICH:**  
24 THE PUBLIC

25





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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...LET ME FINISH...

2

3   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT 20 YEARS PRIOR TO THAT IT WAS NOT WRITTEN  
4   SO THERE WAS AN AMBIGUITY THERE AND WE'RE TRYING TO CLARIFY  
5   THAT. AND WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST YEAR, THEY PUT IN A POLICY  
6   THAT HAS CREATED SOME PROBLEMS.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT WASN'T...

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO HAVE THE PUBLIC  
11   HEARINGS.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I HAVE A SUGGESTION. LET'S ELIMINATE THE  
14   WHOLE THING, YOUR SENTENCE AND HIS SENTENCE AND JUST MOVE  
15   FORWARD WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS AND COME BACK WITH...

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, BECAUSE THERE'S A PROBLEM INTERNAL TO  
18   THE COUNTY.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. THAT'S WHAT HE-- YEAH, THAT'S WHAT  
23   MIKE WOULD LIKE.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I GOT NOT PROBLEM WITH PUBLIC HEARING  
2   PROCESS.

3

4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I KNOW YOU'D LIKE THE PUBLIC HEARING  
5   PROCESS BUT YOU'D ALSO LIKE THE CONFUSION THAT CONTINUES TO  
6   EXIST WITHIN THE COUNTY BUREAUCRACY WHEN YOU GOT THE PUBLIC  
7   WORKS AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT GOING LIKE THIS AND PEOPLE WALKING  
8   INTO HIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PULLING PERMITS AND I  
9   DON'T THINK THAT'S...

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY I WANT ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS TO SIT DOWN  
12   AND WORK IT OUT THROUGH A PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS SO YOU DON'T  
13   HAVE THAT AMBIGUITY.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FINE, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, LET'S ADHERE TO  
16   COUNTY POLICY.

17

18   **PETER GUTIERREZ:** WELL, AND LET ME CLARIFY THAT BECAUSE THE  
19   REALITY IS, THERE IS A POLICY. IT EXISTS. IT'S IN WRITING AND  
20   SO, AS I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR MOTION IS, IS TO MAINTAIN THE  
21   STATUS QUO WITH RESPECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THAT POLICY...

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CORRECT.

24



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1   **PETER GUTIERREZ:** ...AND IF THERE IS A DESIRE TO GO IN A  
2   DIFFERENT DIRECTION IN TERMS OF AMENDING THAT POLICY, THAT'S  
3   SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED THROUGH THIS OTHER  
4   PROCESS, WHICH COULD BEGIN WITH MEETINGS IN THE COMMUNITY. IN  
5   THE INTERIM, THOUGH, THE POLICY THAT EXISTS, IT IS WHAT IT IS.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT IS WHAT IT IS AND IT COULDN'T BE CHANGED  
8   WITHOUT GOING THROUGH C.E.Q.A. AND WHAT I HAD OFFERED UP  
9   EARLIER TODAY AND I OFFER IT UP AGAIN IS...

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** ZEV, [INAUDIBLE] CONFUSE US. THAT WAS VERY CLEAR.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FINE. BUT THE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THAT IS TO  
14   DELETE THAT PORTION -- IS TO LEAVE MY MOTION INTACT AND TO  
15   REMOVE MR. ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT...

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS WHAT-- THAT'S THE OUTCOME I WANT TO GET  
18   TO, AND WHAT WAS JUST EXPLAINED TO ME MAKES SENSE TO ME. WE  
19   HAVE A POLICY. WE KEEP IT IN PLACE. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE  
20   FORWARD, DO PUBLIC HEARINGS. THAT WILL COME BACK, THAT INPUT  
21   WILL COME BACK. SHOULD WE WANT TO CHANGE THAT POLICY, WE'LL DO  
22   IT THEN.

23

24   **PETER GUTIERREZ:** LET ME JUST ADD ONE FURTHER CLARIFICATION. OR  
25   MAYBE NOT, MAYBE NOT, MAYBE NOT. [LAUGHTER]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, PETER. GOOD CHOICE OF WORDS.  
3 OKAY. YOU WANT TO...

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, I'D LIKE TO VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT  
8 BECAUSE...

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO JUST WITHDRAW YOUR MOTION  
11 AND SUPPORT WHAT'S ALREADY ON THE TABLE?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE AN AMENDMENT TO MR.  
14 ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT. LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH. I MOVE THAT  
15 MR. ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: THAT THE  
16 PORTION RELATING TO THE STRIKING OF SECOND SENTENCE OF MY  
17 MOTION BE DELETED.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT?

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SECOND.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. VOTING ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT.  
24 BASICALLY CONCURRENT WITH MR. ANTONOVICH'S RECOMMENDATION WITH



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1 THE EXCEPTION OF THE ELIMINATION OF YOUR SECOND SENTENCE. THAT  
2 ITEM IS BEFORE US. ROLL CALL, PLEASE, OF THIS AMENDMENT.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR KNABE?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MOTION CARRIES, 4 TO 1.

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE THE MATTER AS AMENDED.

2

3    **SUP. MOLINA:** IT SAYS THAT THIS POLICY SHOULDN'T SAY...

4

5    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED TO MOVE  
6    IT AS AMENDED. WELL, YEAH, BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE TO GET  
7    SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH...

8

9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

10

11    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, RIGHT, THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS. SO  
12    IT'S MOVED, CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. ROLL CALL.

13

14    **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS JUST THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION?

15

16    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, IT'S MOVED THE WHOLE -- ZEV'S MOTION  
17    AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

18

19    **SUP. MOLINA:** AS AMENDED.

20

21    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** INCLUDED THAT PORTION OF HIS MOTION THAT  
22    DEALT WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS.

23

24    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

25



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1   **PETER GUTIERREZ:** PUBLIC MEETING WOULD PROBABLY BE...

2

3   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PUBLIC MEETINGS.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, PUBLIC MEETINGS.

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES THAT INCLUDE THE INITIAL STUDY HERE?

8

9   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME?

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES THAT INCLUDE THE INITIAL STUDY UNDER YOUR  
12   MOTION?

13

14   **PETER GUTIERREZ:** I, AT THIS POINT, I THINK IT WOULD BE  
15   PREMATURE TO DO AN INITIAL STUDY.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PREMATURE.

18

19   **PETER GUTIERREZ:** THE MOTION, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IS JUST TO GO  
20   OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS  
21   WHETHER OR NOT THERE COULD BE THIS CHANGE.

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA:** OUR CURRENT POLICY.

24





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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, AND PLUS, BRING ALL THE DEPARTMENTS  
2    TOGETHER FOR A CONSISTENT, SO...

3

4    **SUP. MOLINA:** THANKS.

5

6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ROLL CALL?

7

8    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

11

12   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

13

14   **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

15

16   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUP. YAROSLAVSKY?

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

19

20   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

23

24   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR KNABE?

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AYE.

2

3    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MOTION CARRIES, 4 TO 1.

4

5    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO WE STILL HAVE ITEM 4?

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN I ADD AN ADJOURNING  
8    MOTION?

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PRIU  
13   SHEANRIDAPO IS THE-- A FUTURE FATHER-IN-LAW OF MY FIELD  
14   DEPUTY, BEN SALZMAN, WHO PASSED AWAY AND ASK THAT WE ADJOURN  
15   IN HIS MEMORY.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. YOU'LL GET-- THEY'LL GET THE  
18   INFORMATION TO ME?

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL GET YOU THE INFORMATION.

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I BELIEVE WE STILL HAVE ITEM 4 BEFORE  
23   US.

24



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1   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I BELIEVE, HAD A MOTION AND  
2   THEN THERE WAS A REQUEST TO CONTINUE ONE WEEK.

3

4   **SUP. MOLINA:** ITEM 44 IS?

5

6   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ITEM 4.

7

8   **SUP. MOLINA:** ITEM 4 IS?

9

10   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES.

11

12   **SUP. MOLINA:** OH. I DECIDED TO CONTINUE THAT MOTION. WE CAN DO  
13   IT AFTER CLOSED SESSION.

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO CONTINUED ONE WEEK?

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK IT IS, YES.

18

19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO WE'LL CONTINUE THE WHOLE ITEM ONE  
20   WEEK. I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO AMEND IT, THEN CONTINUE IT?

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA:** I WAS BUT...

23



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. NOW WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THE WHOLE  
2   THING. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL CONTINUE ITEM 4 ONE WEEK. PUBLIC  
3   COMMENTS? WAIT A MINUTE. ADJOURNMENTS? I'M SORRY.

4

5   **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE WE ADJOURN IN THE  
6   MEMORY OF RON O'NEAL, A STAGE AND FILM ACTOR WHO STARRED IN  
7   THE 1972 HIT "SUPER FLY," WHO PASSED AWAY OF CANCER AT THE AGE  
8   OF 66. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, AUDREY POOL O'NEAL, AND A  
9   SISTER, KATHLEEN O'NEAL, FROM CHICAGO. AND JIM D. JOHNSON,  
10   CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BASE DEVELOPER  
11   THE LUSK COMPANY WHO PASSED AWAY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH, AT  
12   THE AGE OF 70. HE A WELL-KNOWN SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPER,  
13   INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSMAN AND, AS HE FASHIONED HIMSELF, A GOOD  
14   OLD COUNTRY BOY MR. JOHNSON WAS AN ACCOUNTANT, GRADUATED FROM  
15   WYOMING UNIVERSITY, SERVED OUR COUNTRY HONORABLY IN THE UNITED  
16   STATES MARINE CORPS, A MAN OF MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS. HIS LONG  
17   CAREER SPANNED A VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS VENTURES.  
18   HE HAD AN EXTENSIVE EXECUTIVE CAREER. THE WORLD IS TRULY A  
19   SADDER PLACE WITHOUT HIM. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MIMI  
20   JOHNSON, TWO SONS, MARK AND CAM JOHNSON, DAUGHTER, CYNTHIA  
21   JOHNSON, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND A BROTHER, BILL JOHNSON. AND  
22   ROBERT 'BUDDY' SOTO, WHO PASSED AWAY IN HIS SLEEP OF A HEART  
23   ATTACK AT THE AGE OF 52. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS  
24   MOTHER, CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR, NELL SOTO, HIS SISTER, ANNA  
25   SOTO, WHO WAS MY FORMER DEPUTY, HIS LOVING WIFE, ALICE...



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** ...THREE CHILDREN, NELLIE, SALLY AND MOLLY, AND  
5 HIS BROTHER, TOM.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE  
8 ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I DO. I'D LIKE TO ALSO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY  
11 OF RICHARD FAJARDO, SR. HE IS THE FATHER OF A LOCAL ATTORNEY  
12 THAT MOST OF US KNOW, RICHARD FAJARDO...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO BE IN THAT ONE AS WELL.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. MR. FAJARDO, SR., CARED DEEPLY ABOUT  
17 THE COMMUNITY, HE WAS VERY INVOLVED. HE WAS AN ORDAINED DEACON  
18 WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND REMAINED ACTIVE AND COMMITTED TO  
19 THE PARISH WHICH IS RESURRECTION CHURCH IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. MR.  
20 FAJARDO ALSO THE PROUD GRADUATE OF ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL. HIS  
21 DAUGHTER ALSO USED TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY AND IS NOW IN A  
22 PRIVATE FIRM. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE  
23 FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF RICHARD FAJARDO, SR. I'D ALSO LIKE TO  
24 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF H. FRANK DOMINGUEZ, WHO  
25 HAS PASSED AWAY. AS MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW, FRANK WAS THE



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1 FOUNDER OF THE VANIR GROUP OF COMPANIES AND WAS A WELL-KNOWN  
2 AND RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER. HE SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER  
3 FOR A WIDE ARRAY OF ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE MEXICAN-  
4 AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND, GOODWILL  
5 INDUSTRIES, SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, AS MANY OTHERS.  
6 FRANK'S ALSO RECEIVED NUMEROUS HONORS OVER THE YEARS. ONE OF  
7 THE MOST MEMORABLE WAS BEING NAMED OUTSTANDING HISPANIC  
8 BUSINESSMAN OF THE YEAR BY THE UNITED STATES HISPANIC CHAMBER  
9 OF COMMERCE. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO  
10 BELOVED FAMILY AND NUMEROUS FRIENDS, EMPLOYEES, AND  
11 ASSOCIATES. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY  
12 OF JOSE SEGURA. JOSE SEGURA WAS A RELATIVE OF MINE WHO WAS 92  
13 YEARS OLD. HE HAS A BIG, HUGE FAMILY HERE THROUGHOUT L.A.  
14 COUNTY AND SO I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
15 JOSE SEGURA.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALSO, THE LAST ADJOURNMENT THAT I HAVE IS THAT I  
20 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARIA AVALOS-GUTIERREZ.  
21 MARIA AVALOS-GUTIERREZ WAS A COUSIN OF MY MOTHER'S, A SECOND  
22 COUSIN OF MINE. SHE ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE A GOOD,  
23 LONG LIFE. SHE ALSO HAD A VERY LARGE FAMILY, AS MOST OF US IN  
24 OUR COMMUNITIES DO, AND SHE PROBABLY HAS DAUGHTERS AND



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1 CHILDREN AND GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, SO  
2 WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** COULD I CONTINUE CS-7 FOR A WEEK?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT. ARE THERE  
13 ANY OTHER ADJOURNMENTS? PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE DR. JAY DAS,  
14 DR. RACHEL STEINHART, CHRIS EDWARDS. CHRIS, ARE YOU READY?

15

16 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. YOU KNOW, I  
17 THINK IT'S REALLY TIMELY THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA TWICE TODAY  
18 MENTIONED HER CONCERNS ABOUT THE VERACITY OF INFORMATION  
19 PROVIDED BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES. IF YOU COULD PLEASE GET ONE OF  
20 THESE TO EVERYBODY. I THINK IT'S INTERESTING THAT JUST THE  
21 SAME -- I SAT HERE LAST WEEK ABOUT THIS LETTER THAT YOU'RE ALL  
22 GETTING A COPY OF, WHICH I BELIEVE MS. MOLINA ALSO RECEIVED AT  
23 THAT POINT IN TIME, AND YOU STATED THAT THERE WAS NO PROBLEM.  
24 AND WE SHOWED YOU, THROUGH TESTIMONY AS WELL AS AUDIOTAPE,  
25 THAT MR. HENRY'S STATEMENT THAT THE WALL WAS NOT BEING





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1 INVESTIGATED BY ANY OFFICIAL ENTITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
2 WAS INCORRECT THAT, INDEED, THAT WAS OCCURRING, OR PERHAPS  
3 COUNCILMAN WEISS AND COUNCILMAN PARKS ARE NOT CONSIDERED  
4 OFFICIAL BY MR. CHUCK HENRY. PERHAPS THE C.L.A. IS NOT  
5 CONSIDERED OFFICIAL. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS REASON WAS BUT HE  
6 DID NOT PRESENT YOU WITH THE FACTS. THE VERACITY OF HIS  
7 LETTER, WHICH I WOULD CONSIDER A LIE, AND YET YOU STILL CHOSE  
8 THAT INFORMATION TO BASE YOUR FACTS ON AND VOTE FOR IT. SO I  
9 THINK IT'S INTERESTING THAT, WHEN IT SEEMS TO SERVE SOME  
10 PEOPLE'S PURPOSES, YOU DON'T QUESTION THE VERACITY, EVEN  
11 THOUGH PEOPLE COME TO TESTIFY. WHEN THESE THINGS OCCUR, WHEN  
12 THE PUBLIC TAKES THE TIME OUT TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT FACTS  
13 SUCH AS THIS, PRESENTING YOU A LETTER THAT HE WROTE THAT WAS  
14 SENT TO BOBBY JOHNSON, PAT MILLER, RONALD A. HENSON, CAROL  
15 CAMBRIDGE-ESPINOZA AND RESIO RAMON, YOUR HEALTH DEPUTIES, AND,  
16 IN IT, HE HAS PRESENTED, IF NOT OUTRIGHT LIES, COMPLETE  
17 MISSTATEMENTS OF THE FACT AND YOU DON'T EVEN BAT AN EYE.  
18 THAT'S WHEN THE PUBLIC SAYS YOU, THE BOARD, DOESN'T LISTEN.  
19 AND IF YOU SURELY DON'T LISTEN, YOU SURELY DON'T HEAR,  
20 BECAUSE, AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU SHOULD HAVE ASKED, WHY DID WE  
21 HAVE AN AUDIOTAPE PRESENTED THAT PRESENTED THE DIRECT OPPOSITE  
22 OF WHAT IS STATED IN THIS LETTER? WHY DID THAT OCCUR? WHY DID  
23 MR. HENRY FEEL THE NEED TO PERPETRATE THE MISSTATEMENT OF MR.  
24 ZADAVEER BECAUSE MR. ZADAVEER WAS PRESENT ON JULY 8TH. AND  
25 WHAT CONCERNS ME IS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CONCERN THAT A NOT



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1 FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THAT  
2 ORGANIZATION, HAS REFUSED TO OPEN HIS BOOKS TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY  
3 AND HE HAS RECEIVED PUBLIC FUNDS, TAXPAYER DOLLARS. AND, FOR  
4 THE RECORD, MY CONCERN IS ANY NOT FOR PROFIT THAT RECEIVES  
5 PUBLIC TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND DOESN'T SPEND IT WISELY AND, IN  
6 THIS CASE, FOR NINE YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN QUESTIONS ABOUT  
7 THIS ORGANIZATION'S SPENDING, AND THE EASIEST ANSWER WOULD BE  
8 FOR HIM TO HAVE OPENED HIS BOOKS. BUT INSTEAD, INSTEAD, PEOPLE  
9 SEEM TO BE WILLING TO COVER UP. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

12

13 **DR. JAY DAS:** HI. HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DR.  
14 JAY ANTON DAS AND I'M AN INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENT PHYSICIAN  
15 AT L.A. COUNTY, U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON  
16 BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS, WHICH IS THE  
17 UNION THAT REPRESENTS RESIDENT PHYSICIANS IN MY HOSPITAL AS  
18 WELL AS KING DREW AND HARBOR U.C.L.A. AS YOU MAY KNOW, WE ARE  
19 IN THE MIDST OF OUR UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. AS A UNION,  
20 ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES WE ARE CONCENTRATING ON IN OUR CONTRACT  
21 IS THE WORK HOURS REFORM THAT TOOK PLACE NATIONALLY LAST JULY.  
22 MANY RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS AT OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS, TO  
23 THIS DATE, JANUARY, STILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN COMPLYING WITH  
24 THESE NEW HOURS REGULATIONS. THIS NEW REGULATION BASICALLY  
25 STATES THAT WE NEED NOT EXCEED 80 HOURS IN A WORK WEEK. TO



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1 BETTER ENFORCE THESE REGULATIONS, WE ARE ASKING YOU, IN OUR  
2 UNION CONTRACT, FOR A WAY TO ENSURE THAT WORK HOURS VIOLATIONS  
3 SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE. THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OR  
4 C.M.A., WHICH IS A STATEWIDE GROUP OF PHYSICIANS, RECENTLY  
5 SENT A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF OUR UNION CONTRACT PROPOSALS ON  
6 HOURS. IN IT, THEY SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT THE C.M.A. SUPPORTS  
7 THE A.C.G.M.E., WHICH STANDS FOR THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR  
8 GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION, THE BOARD THAT OVERSEES ALL  
9 RESIDENCIES, THAT THEIR STANDARDS ARE A TEMPLATE OF REASONABLE  
10 WORK HOUR STANDARDS. C.M.A. ALSO ENCOURAGES THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
11 MONETARY SANCTIONS FOR ISSUES RELATING TO OVERTIME PAY OR  
12 FINES FOR VIOLATION OF A.C.G.M.E. RESIDENT WORK HOURS. THE  
13 LETTER ALSO MENTIONS TIME SAVINGS FOR RESIDENT PHYSICIANS IF  
14 ANCILLARY STAFF WERE AVAILABLE. GIVEN THE KING DREW MEDICAL  
15 CENTER ALREADY HAS TWO PROGRAMS SHUTTING DOWN DUE TO  
16 A.C.G.M.E. VIOLATIONS, WE ASK YOU TO PREVENT THE REAL THREAT  
17 OF A.C.G.M.E. REVOKING MORE PROGRAM ACCREDITATIONS BECAUSE OF  
18 WORK HOURS VIOLATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT BY IMPLEMENTING WHAT  
19 RESIDENT PHYSICIANS PROPOSE WOULD GIVE US A GREAT STEP TOWARD  
20 THAT PREVENTION. WE ARE ALSO ASKING FOR BETTER PAY FOR INTERNS  
21 AS WELL AS RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY IN ORDER TO BETTER RECRUIT  
22 QUALITY RESIDENT PHYSICIANS TO SERVE OUR POPULATION. INTERNS  
23 IN OUR COUNTY SYSTEM EARN \$36,000 A YEAR. THAT CURRENTLY IS  
24 LESS THAN THE 25TH PERCENTILE NATIONWIDE ACCORDING TO THE  
25 A.A.M.C., THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL COLLEGES. AND,



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1 OF COURSE, WE ALL LIVE IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT  
2 MORE EXPENSIVE THAN IT WAS IN MY HOMETOWN OF CLEVELAND. LAST  
3 YEAR, THE POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF HARBOR U.C.L.A. GREATLY  
4 AFFECTED MY OWN DECISION OF WHERE TO PRACTICE THIS YEAR. I DID  
5 NOT ACCEPT A POSITION AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. BECAUSE I DID NOT  
6 KNOW WHETHER IT WOULD BE OPEN IN THE YEARS TO COME DURING MY  
7 RESIDENCY CAREER. I GUESS MY QUESTION TO YOU IS WHAT QUALIFIED  
8 MEDICAL STUDENT WHO SEEKS IN A RESIDENCY A PLACE WHERE HE OR  
9 SHE EXCEL IN LEARNING WOULD WANT TO JEOPARDIZE THAT AT A  
10 PROGRAM THAT MAY CLOSE, WHATEVER THE OPPORTUNITY? AND BEING  
11 THAT THESE COUNTY PROGRAMS ARE SUCH A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR  
12 OUR LEARNING, IT'S REALLY A SHAME. WITH THE EVER-LOOMING  
13 POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF HOSPITALS AND PROGRAMS, WE NEED TO AT  
14 LEAST OFFER COMPETITIVE SALARIES TO MAKE UP FOR OTHER UNKNOWN  
15 FACTORS, SUCH AS PROGRAM OR HOSPITAL CLOSURES. THE RESIDENT  
16 PHYSICIANS OF L.A. COUNTY LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO SERVE  
17 THE COMMUNITY IN WORKING WITH YOU, THE BOARD, ON HOW TO  
18 ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.  
21 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE IN WAITING. YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY,  
22 BARBARA JOHNSON, AND ROBERT MCCORDIC. AM I TO ASSUME THAT DR.  
23 STEINHART AS LEFT? IS THAT CORRECT? OKAY.

24



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1   **ROBERT MCCORDIC:** YES. I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY COUNSEL FOR  
2   GETTING MY APARTMENT BUILDING BACK IN MY HANDS THAT'S BEEN  
3   STOLEN FROM ME. SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. BUT NOW THAT  
4   I'VE GOT ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS THAT WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM ME  
5   AND I WANT TO KNOW IF I CAN GET THE SAME RESULTS AGAIN HERE.  
6   MY AUNT JESSE MCGINNIS WROTE A WILL TO ME AND GAVE ALL OF HER  
7   PROPERTY TO ME AND I HAD -- WELL, HER SISTER SIGNED IT. I'VE  
8   GOTTEN THE PERSONAL SECRETARY TO COLONEL TIBBITS, WHO ATOM  
9   BOMBED JAPAN, JEAN DAVIES, SHE'S A RELATIVE OF HERS, SHE  
10   SIGNED THE WILL, AND NELLY'S -- JESSE'S SISTER SIGNED THE  
11   WILL. IT'S FINGERPRINTED, PASSED BY JUDGE KREIGER IN MY FAVOR  
12   AND THEY STILL TOOK IT. AND IT'S VERY SIMPLE. WE GOT THE --  
13   PART OF IT'S ALREADY BEEN PAID TO ME, ALREADY RECOGNIZED...

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MAYBE SOMEONE-- CAN COUNTY COUNSEL CAN TALK  
16   TO -- WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM COUNTY COUNSEL TALK TO YOU.  
17   OKAY?

18

19   **ROBERT MCCORDIC:** WELL, THE WHOLE COUNCIL DECIDED ON IT BEFORE  
20   AND GOT MY APARTMENT BACK. HERE'S PART OF IT...

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I KNOW BUT I'M SAYING YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE  
23   TO HAVE -- WE'LL HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL LOOK AT THE ISSUE AND SEE  
24   WHAT WE CAN DO TO ASSIST YOU.

25



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1   **ROBERT MCCORDIC:** I CAN SEND IT TO ALL OF YOU. LOOK AT THIS.

2

3   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** STEP DOWN TO THE SIDE AND WE'LL HAVE  
4   SOMEONE FROM COUNTY COUNSEL TALK TO YOU. YES? THANK YOU.

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6   **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THANK YOU FOR A FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO  
7   MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY, FOR THE  
8   RECORD. I'D LIKE TO, FOR THE RECORD, REQUEST THAT YOU WOULD  
9   CONSIDER ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENTS EVERY WEEK. WHEN I WAS IN  
10   INGLEWOOD AND I FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH MS. BURKE AND HER  
11   HUSBAND, MR. WILLIAM BURKE, WE USED TO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS  
12   EVERY WEEK. THAT WAS THE INGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL. JUST  
13   RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, I THINK THE REASON WHY YOU HAVE  
14   COLLEAGUES LIKE MERRITT HOLLOWAY AND OTHER PEOPLE, LIKE  
15   GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, HER DAUGHTER, MYSELF, CANDACE OWEN, WE'RE  
16   NOT TRYING TO BE REBELLIOUS OR DISRESPECTFUL BUT IT'S TIME  
17   THAT WE SPEAK UP IN ORDER TO EFFECT A CHANGE, BECAUSE WE  
18   WOULDN'T HAVE TO -- I MEAN, MOLINA WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO MAKE  
19   THAT -- WRITE OUT THAT ITEM IF WE FELT LIKE WE WERE GIVEN  
20   ENOUGH TIME TO ADDRESS RELEVANT ISSUES, JUST FOR THE RECORD.  
21   ALSO, I LIVE AT 206 WEST 6TH STREET BETWEEN BROADWAY AND  
22   SPRING, AND THEY'RE PROPOSING TO BUILD A CLUB THERE. AND I  
23   BELIEVE THIS IS IN SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S DISTRICT AND IF YOU  
24   COULD PAY ATTENTION, PLEASE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BECAUSE I'D  
25   LIKE TO HAVE -- I MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO A MEETING TO



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1 BLOCK THE OPENING OF THAT CLUB BECAUSE I WAS WORKING. I THINK  
2 THAT THERE IS ENOUGH PROSTITUTION, ALCOHOLISM ON THIS STREET.  
3 THEY'RE MOSTLY BLACK PEOPLE AND I THINK IT WOULD PROBABLY  
4 CAUSE MORE DISEASE AND THEN MORE INCARCERATION AND MORE  
5 CRIMINAL, CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR, AND IT'S RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO WHERE  
6 I LIVE. SO, JUST FOR THE RECORD, IF SOMETHING CAN BE DONE. I  
7 THINK THEY WERE JUST TRYING TO GET AN OVERVIEW OF WHO WAS FOR,  
8 WHO WOULD ALLOW, WHO WANTED TO HAVE, YOU KNOW, A BAR WHERE  
9 THEY WERE SERVING DRINKS. I THINK THAT THEY WERE GOING TO  
10 HAVE, LIKE, DANCERS AND I'M OPPOSED TO IT AND I HOPE THAT  
11 MAYBE MS. MOLINA OR SUPERVISOR MOLINA CAN DO SOMETHING TO  
12 BLOCK IT.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS IT IN THE CITY OF L.A.?

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16 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** YES, IT'S RIGHT HERE ON 6TH STREET, I  
17 BELIEVE IT'S 216. IT'S NEXT TO THE HAYWARD HOTEL.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, MY POINT BEING IS THAT THE CITY OF  
20 LOS ANGELES IS BEING CHARGED WITH PERMITS, NOT US.

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22 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** I UNDERSTAND. OKAY. WELL, I'LL GO  
23 BEFORE THE L.A. CITY COUNCIL. IS THAT THE APPROPRIATE BOARD?  
24 OKAY. AND JUST, FINALLY, WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY IS I BELIEVE  
25 THERE'S A GOVERNMENT COVER-UP. LIKE I SAID, ALL PARENTS WHO





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1 SPEAK UP ABOUT THE CHILDREN BEING RAPED AND MOLESTED, WE'RE  
2 CALLED CRAZY OR WE'RE DISCREDITED, SO NO ONE BELIEVES. SINCE  
3 PEOPLE HAVE SEEN ME, THEY COME UP AND SAY, "WELL, YOU KNOW  
4 WHAT, MICHELLE? I WAS AFRAID TO SAY BUT, YOU KNOW, PRIESTS  
5 MOLESTED ME" AND THIS ONE WOMAN CAME CRYING TO ME SAYING, YOU  
6 KNOW, "I DON'T KNOW WHERE MY CHILD IS" AND THERE'S A POSSIBLE  
7 PORNO RING OR POSSIBLE PEDOPHILE RING AT EDELMAN'S CHILDREN'S  
8 COURT. SHE'S AFRAID TO SPEAK ABOUT IT. THEY THINK I'M NOT  
9 AFRAID AND I'M BURDENED WITH THESE TESTIMONIES AND I'M STILL  
10 LABELED BIPOLAR, MANIC DEPRESSIVE, SCHIZOPHRENIC, PSYCHOTIC,  
11 PARANOID, DELUSIONAL SIMPLY BECAUSE I HAD THE COURAGE TO SPEAK  
12 UP AND TRY TO PROTECT MY OWN SON AND OTHERS, PEOPLE ARE AFRAID  
13 TO COME UP BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT WHAT HAPPENED TO ME TO  
14 HAPPEN TO THEM. THEY DON'T WANT TO BE MISLABELED. THEY DON'T  
15 WANT TO LOSE THEIR CHILDREN, THEIR RESPECT IN THE COMMUNITY.  
16 YOU KNOW, I'M FROM INGLEWOOD, I WENT TO ST. MARY'S ACADEMY,  
17 U.C.L.A., AND I HAVE -- TODAY MY IMAGE HAS BEEN HORRIBLY  
18 DEFAMED. YOU KNOW, AND SO, LIKE I SAID, I NEED THAT TO GO ON  
19 THE RECORD BECAUSE NOT ONLY THEY'RE CATHOLIC PRIESTS, THERE  
20 ARE JUDGES, DOCTORS, LAWYERS, MASONS, POLICE, MILITARY, ALL  
21 IMPLICATED IN THESE JON BENET RAMSEY, MCMARTIN PRE-SCHOOL  
22 TYPES OF GOVERNMENT COVER-UPS OF THESE CHILDREN BEING USED IN  
23 THESE HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE RITUALS. NO ONE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT  
24 IT BUT, LIKE I SAID, I'M SPEAKING FOR OTHER WOMEN. MICHAEL  
25 JACKSON, IT'S HORRIBLE...



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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4 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** ...WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO HIM BECAUSE  
5 THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE THAT GET AWAY WITH IT EVERY DAY.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** TIME IS UP. THANK YOU.

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9 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
14 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS  
16 CS-1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
17 EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
18 REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE. ITEM CS-4,  
19 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE  
20 TO CIVIL LITIGATION, THREE CASES. ITEM CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH  
21 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, 12  
22 CASES. ITEM CS-6, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
23 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, SEVEN CASE. AGENDA 34,  
24 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF



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1 LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND AGENDA 55, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL  
2 COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'D ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO GO RIGHT IN  
5 BECAUSE I KNOW SOME OF YOU HAVE TO LEAVE.

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**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**JANUARY 20, 2004**

The Board of Supervisors met today in closed session. The following action is being reported:

34. Conference with legal counsel regarding initiation of litigation (one case), as it relates to the Director of Public Social Services' joint recommendation with the Chief Information Officer to approve and instruct the Chairman to sign amendment to agreement with Unisys Corporation to increase the total maximum contract sum by \$15,481,887 from \$180,893,588 to \$196,375,475, financed using \$4,845,817 in State and Federal revenue and \$796,070 in net County cost for Fiscal Year 2003-04, and \$8,451,576 in State and Federal revenue and \$1,388,424 in net County cost for Fiscal Year 2004-05, to increase the number of monthly Maintenance and/or Enhancement hours from 4,000 to 8,000, for the timely implementation of modifications and enhancements to the LEADER software arising from County, State and Federal mandates; establish a new fixed hourly rate of \$123; and amend the terms pursuant to which Unisys may employ subcontractors to provide services and support during the remainder of the agreement and any extended term.



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1 Action Taken:

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3 The Board continued Agenda No. 34 for one week to open  
4 session; and also continued for one week Supervisor Molina's  
5 amendment to instruct the Director of Public Social Services,  
6 within the next 60 days, to conduct an assessment in all  
7 district offices to identify the causes for the time delays  
8 and implement a training program to improve response times;  
9 and provide a monthly status report on the outcomes of staff  
10 trainings.

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12 55. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing  
13 litigation relating to the Los Angeles County Claim's Board's  
14 recommendation to authorize case entitled, Kathy Raymundo v.  
15 County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC  
16 246 327, in amount of \$254,000; and instruct the Auditor-  
17 Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from  
18 the Department of Mental Health's budget.

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20 Action Taken:

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22 The Board approved the aforementioned recommendation. The vote  
23 of the Board of Supervisors was unanimous with all Supervisors  
24 being present.

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Jennifer A. Hines, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in an for the State of California, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing transcript of recorded proceedings was taken on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at the time and place therein set forth and recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

And I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of recorded proceedings is a full, true, and correct transcript of the recorded proceedings before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor related to any party to said action, nor in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of January 26th, 2004.

(Signature on file)

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